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**Saudis hope Iran will stop wrongdoing**

## Don't push too far, warns Fahd

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

KING Fahd of Saudi Arabia has warned Iran not to push him too far, and threatened to use CSS-2 missiles purchased from China to defend his country if necessary.

In an interview with the daily Al Seyassah he also said Kuwait had set an example in tackling the Kuwaiti airliner hijack ordeal, and proved that terrorism could not be successful under any circumstances.

King Fahd accused the Iranians of seeking to occupy the Holy Kaaba in Makkah, during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, or haj, last year.

Fahd said that the intermediate-range CSS-2 missiles, "designed to shore up Saudi defence capabilities, will be used if our country is exposed to any threat."

### Peace-loving

"We hope that we will not be forced to use this defensive capability because we know that the region's people want to live in peace and security. But if we are obliged, we will have no alternative," he said.

"Our spirit of tolerance should not motivate the Iranians to believe that we are weak."

"We hope Iran will stop its wrongdoing because we do not want it to test the ability of our people in defending themselves," Fahd said.

The interview was taken before Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties with Iran last



Fahd: tolerant.

week citing Iranian threats.

Saudi Arabia's "circumstances in the holy lands."

Saudi Arabia, the monarch said, had told Iran that Makkah cannot accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims, and requested three years to make necessary preparations.

"We told the Iranians to give us time to make the necessary preparations to accommodate more pilgrims."

But the Iranians wanted to flout haj regulations to the disapproval of all Islamic states."

Fahd said the Iranians also

ignored haj rules last year and wanted to occupy the Kaaba, but were repulsed not only by Saudi security men but by pilgrims."

He noted other Iranian violations in 1986, including "the smuggling of 90 bags full of explosives and bombs which were enough to destroy a whole city."

Iran, he added, "has offended its relationship not only with us, but with all its neighbours and the entire world."

### Aggression

"For eight years, Iran has found that Iraqi defences cannot be penetrated. Now it commits aggression on Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and our commercial ships."

The Iranians have fired missiles into Kuwaiti territory and recently attacked offshore oilfields of the UAE, which has had close ties with Tehran. Iran also regularly attacks neutral ships in the Gulf.

Fahd said: "I look forward to seeing the Iran-Iraq war come to

an end and peace be established in the region".

Iranian officials charged Wednesday that the United States, whose warships patrol the Gulf and clashed with the Iranians on April 18, pressured Saudi Arabia into breaking off relations with Tehran.

The United States and the Saudis deny that. US State Department spokesman Charles Redman said: "It was a sovereign Saudi decision."

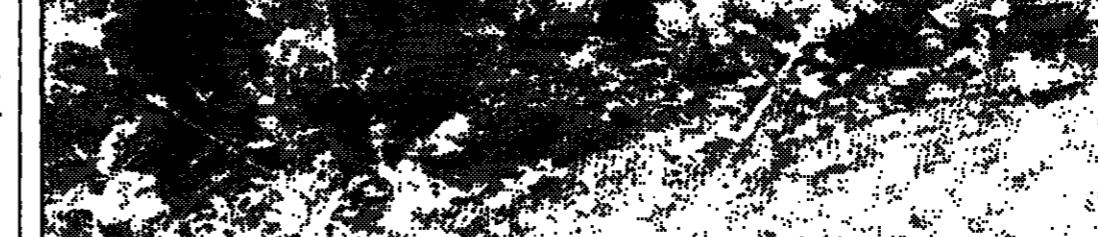
An official Saudi statement rejected the Iranian allegation and said: "This was not an impromptu decision ... It had been under consideration since the start of Iranian aggressive practices against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the Iranian regime since it took power."

### Praised

Fahd said he longed to see the Palestinian uprising (in Israeli-occupied territories) bear fruit when the Palestinians people are granted their right to live on their soil and in their homeland.

On the recent hijacking of the Kuwait Airways, Fahd said the air pirates must be brought to justice, and urged all peace-loving countries to help Kuwait punish the air pirates.

"The bulk of more than 2,000 Palestinian detainees will be released (from Syrian jails) within days" to mark the beginning of a new chapter in PLO-Syrian relations, Khalaf told the London-based newsletter



Israeli soldiers carry the body of a Palestinian commando wrapped in a body-bag. Five Palestinian commandos and two Israeli soldiers were killed during fierce clashes along the northern border with Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Syria to release Palestinians

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 29, (Agencies):

Salah Khalaf, the second in command to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, has said Syria would release the bulk of 2,000 Palestinian detainees within days.

Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, was with Arafat on the fence-mending trip to Syria that ended Monday after a five-year rift.

The reconciliation was spurred by the burial in Damascus of assassinated PLO deputy military commander, Khalil Al Wazir.

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Another Palestinian leader has predicted that the PLO would move most of its offices from Tunis to Damascus.

## US plans to sell arms to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): The Reagan administration has said it plans to sell \$825 million in arms and military support to Saudi Arabia despite strong opposition in Congress linked to Riyadh's purchase of Chinese missiles.

Congress has 30 days to study the plan and possibly reject it. A number of legislators have said they would oppose a US sale to protest against Saudi Arabia's acquisition of Chinese-built CSS-2 missiles, which have a range of up to 2,200 miles (3,500 km).

Saudi Arabia said this week it

Mideast Mirror.

The newsletter said the detainees are believed to include Arafat loyalists who were arrested in Syria or in Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon and others handed over to the Syrians by the Lebanese Shi'ite Amal militia in February 1987.

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Next on the listings came the US, Japan, Hungary, Canada, Iceland, Yugoslavia and then Switzerland.

By contrast the lowest rate was recorded by one of the world's poorest countries, Burkina Faso, with a per capita adult consumption of just 30 cigarettes, and by two other poverty-stricken nations, Guinea and Papua New Guinea.

Of the Arab countries con-

## Water shortage hits Delhi

NEW DELHI, April 29, (Reuters): Severe water shortages and a dispute over supplies left large parts of the Indian capital dry today as temperatures soared.

With the mercury hovering around 40 degrees Centigrade (104 Fahrenheit), Delhi authorities warned the situation might not improve for days.

Water shortages and power cuts are a typical part of the summer scene in Delhi but the failure of monsoon rains last year has made the situation much worse.

The latest crisis was sparked by a sharp drop in water levels in the Yamuna River, running through Delhi, which halted all pumping at a major water treatment plant.

Most of Delhi's water supplies come from neighbouring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh states but opposition-ruled Haryana has accused the capital of taking too big a share.

The Press Trust of India reported Haryana had agreed yesterday to an emergency request to release more water from reservoirs in the state.

But state irrigation and power Minister Venendar Singh said: "We will not allow any robbery of our water share."

He said Delhi had been drawing more than twice its agreed share of water supplies while Haryana was unable to maintain supplies to its own people.

## Kuwait-Egypt defence talks

EGYPT'S Air Force commander General Ahmed Hilmi had talks on military cooperation in Kuwait last week with Army Chief of Staff, General Mazid Abdul-Khatim Al Saati, the Kuwait News Agency Kuna reported.

It gave no details but diplomatic sources said Kuwait was close to agreeing to buy an Egyptian-made air defence system.

Hilmi is on his second visit in two months to Kuwait.

## Thai Parliament dissolved

BANGKOK, April 29, (UPI): Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, plagued by factional disputes in his coalition, today ordered the dissolution of Parliament and general elections in July. Radio Thailand announced.

The official radio said King Bhumibol Adulyadej approved the measures forced by the resignation earlier today of all 16 cabinet ministers from the largest party in the ruling coalition.

## Pakistani beheaded

RIYADH, April 29, (Reuters): A Pakistani was beheaded in Saudi Arabia today for trying to smuggle 2.4 kg (5.3 lbs) of hashish into the kingdom in his briefcase, the Interior Ministry said. At least seven people have been beheaded since Saudi Arabia introduced capital punishment for convicted drug traffickers or dealers in May last year.

## Mini-summit

DUBAI, April 29, (Reuters): Four Arab leaders are expected to meet in Libya next month to forge a joint stand at the June summit in Algiers.

## 59 injured as blast rips jetliner's roof

HONOLULU, April 29, (Reuters): A mid-air explosion ripped a gaping hole in a jetliner carrying 95 people on Thursday, injuring 59 and forcing the aircraft to make a dramatic emergency landing.

A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokeswoman said one passenger from the Aloha Airlines plane was missing and an intensive search had been mounted. Fifty of the injured were released after treatment and three were in critical condition.

One passenger was quoted on local radio as saying the Boeing 737 looked like a "peeled banana."

"I could see people sitting there ... with the pipes hanging out and a lot of debris," said Fred

Slusser, who works at Kahului airport on the island of Maui and saw the landing.

The entire top of the very first section from the (passenger) door to the wings was missing, Slusser said on television.

The blast occurred while the plane was en route from Hilo on the island of Hawaii to Honolulu. The flight was diverted to Maui and landed at 2 pm local time (2400 GMT).

Elly Brekke, spokeswoman for FAA regional office in Los Angeles said the explosion aboard Aloha Airlines flight 243 occurred at 24,000 feet (7,300 metres), some 25 miles (40 km) south of Maui.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

## Iraq raids two ships

BAGHDAD, April 29, (Reuters): Iraq said today its planes attacked a supertanker and another ship in the Gulf overnight.

A military spokesman said Iraqi warplanes simultaneously attacked a very large naval target — Baghdad's term for a supertanker — and a large naval target, Iraq's code for a large tanker or merchant ship.

The attacks were aimed at disrupting Iranian oil supplies and denying Tehran revenues to prolong the seven-and-a-half-year-old Gulf war, the spokesman said.

Last night's raids were the first claimed by Iraq on Gulf shipping since April 7 when Baghdad said it had hit a supertanker.

Iran has denied its forces had attacked Iraqi civilian areas and said Baghdad was looking for an excuse to resume its assault.

A war information headquarters spokesman said Tehran had halted retaliatory strikes on Iraqi cities after Baghdad ended attacks on Iranian civilian regions on April 21.

Iran criticised a recent UN report which confirmed the use of chemical weapons in the Gulf war but failed to say who was responsible.

The officials stressed that Pentagon analysts were not disputing that Iran had fired missiles of some type against the destroyers Joseph Strauss and O'Brien and the frigate Jack Williams.

"There were missiles fired, which our ships successfully evaded," said one source. "But there are strong indicators they

were Silkworms."

The defence sources said the issue of whether Silkworms were fired was important because any evidence of such would demonstrate that Iran was raising the military stakes in the Gulf. The Silkworm, a Chinese-built version of an old Russian anti-ship missile, is the most powerful missile in the Iranian arsenal even though it has a fairly rudimentary guidance system, the sources said.

### Protection

President Ronald Reagan's administration is expected to announce soon whether the US Navy will extend its protection to neutral ships in the Gulf if they come under attack.

The House of Representatives will vote to block tentative plans to send Coast Guard patrol boats to the Gulf because of public fears of drug trafficking at home, says Les Aspin chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

"It's not going to be close. It will win in a breeze," Representative Aspin said.

An Aloha Airlines plane sits on the runway with a 20-foot hole in its fuselage. (Reuter wirephoto)

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**INTERNATIONAL****Armenian killed in Athens**

ATHENS, April 29, (UPI): Police announced today that a man carrying a South Yemen diplomatic passport who was assassinated outside his home in an Athens suburb was Agop Agopian, 39, leader of the Armenian secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, or Asala.

Asala is fighting a terrorist war against Turkey, which it blames for the extermination of 1.5 million Armenians during World War I. Asala is also demanding the liberation of Armenian territories under Turkish rule.

It has claimed responsibility for more than 50 terrorist attacks against Turkish interests in various parts of the world, including the assassination of 13 Turkish diplomats between 1975 and 1983.

Agopian, who was shot yesterday by two gunmen using sawed-off shotguns, was identified initially by police as a South Yemen diplomat.

**Killed**

Agopian was killed by two masked gunmen at 4:45 am outside his home. He carried a South Yemeni diplomatic passport which identified him as Mohammad Abu Kashim, 50.

Police said that Agopian who was married and the father of two children have lived in Athens for almost one year, made frequent trips abroad and was passing as a businessman.

Police said they established Agopian's identity through his Yugoslav wife Jannil Toutoujian.

**Political crisis ends in Sudan****Mahdi re-elected**

KHARTOUM, April 29, (UPI): The National Assembly re-elected Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi to office in a move apparently signalling the beginning of the end of nine months of political crisis in Sudan.

Sadiq attracted 196 out of 222 votes cast in the election late Wednesday which was carried live on state-run television. About 40 assembly members were absent. Twenty six votes went to two other minority candidates — a southerner and a communist.

Most significantly, the fundamentalist National Islamic Front opposition group cast its block vote for Sadiq and may now join a new Sadiq-led government coalition, along with the black African southerners and the mainstream Muslim Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The previous coalition between the southern parties, the DUP and Sadiq's majority Umma Party collapsed last August in a power-sharing wrangle precipitating Sudan's worst political crisis since dictator Jaafar Numeiri was ousted in a coup April 4, 1985.

Two factors have prevented the quick formation of another government — the intransigence of the southerners of the thorny question of peace in the 5-year-old civil war in the South and the hardline stance of the fundamentalists on the abolition of the Islamic law code introduced by Numeiri.

Islamic law or Sharia was applied for a time to Muslim and non-Muslim alike under Sudan's ousted dictator Numeiri. The amputation of limbs for repeated theft and floggings for traffic offences and drinking

alcohol fuelled the rebellion in Sudan's mainly African Christian and animist South.

USAP, the largest southern parliamentary block, would oppose the proposed government of national unity, Surur told parliament.

"A leader who brings religion into politics is doomed to fail," Surur said.

USAP decided to withdraw its pledge to join the new government because Umma had agreed to reimpose tough Sharia provisions to win the backing of the militant National Islamic Front (NIF).

**Conference**

Surur said the Sharia issued should be left to a constitutional conference, first proposed in 1985, bringing together representatives of all political, religious and ethnic groups to draft a new constitution.

Parliament re-elected Mahdi after he resigned 14 days ago to pave the way for a new national unity government to replace a 1986 coalition dominated by Umma and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

Mahdi won 196 votes against 21 for Surur and four for a Communist Party candidate. Mahdi said the support he received fell short of what he had hoped for.

Repeal of Sharia laws introduced by Numeiri in 1983 is the main demand of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) which has fought government troops in the South for five years.

**Manila fire leaves thousands homeless**

MANILA, April 29, (Reuters): Thousands of slum-dwellers left homeless by a fire that swept through a Manila shantytown, began rebuilding their shacks today as the embers of the blaze cooled.

Children sat and guarded tattered bundles of belongings as their parents stretched canvas awnings and began to rebuild their plywood, cardboard and corrugated-iron dwellings.

Deputy fire chief Jaime Molina said 700 to 800 shacks were destroyed in the four-hour wind-fanned blaze, which late on Thursday roared through Pandacan, one of many shantytown districts in the sprawling Philippine capital of eight million people.

Molina said fire authorities estimated that 2,500 people were made homeless in the blaze. The only people injured were looters, attacked by residents for trying to steal belongings being saved from the fire.

**Worst**

Fires regularly sweep through the squatter areas, which abound in Manila, but Molina said Thursday's blaze was thought to be the worst since 1978 when a fire levelled seven blocks, destroying more than 1,000 homes.

In February, 1983, 25 people

including several foreigners were killed when a fire raged for four days through the five-star Regent Hotel.

Reports that 9,000 people had been made homeless were wildly exaggerated, Molina said.

"That's too big. That's too much," he added.

Meanwhile, unidentified men today killed a Philippine Marine and seriously wounded another in an ambush near a Manila Air Force base, the military said.

A spokesman said the two soldiers were on board an Army jeep when the assailants opened fire. The wounded soldier was taken to the base hospital.

The attack came a week after suspected communist assassins killed a businessman and two Navy men in the capital. More than 20 people have been killed in attacks blamed on the urban guerrillas.

In the northern Pangasinan province, soldiers arrested a Philippine communist rebel leader with a \$3,000 reward for his capture, during a raid today, the military said.

**107th birthday**

DERBY, England, April 29, (AP): Charles Faulkner, who retired from his job at 53 because of ill-health, celebrated his 107th birthday Thursday. Faulkner took early retirement from his job as a labourer at a pipe factory in 1934 because of breathing problems. "I can laugh about it now but I didn't at the time," he told reporters at his old-age home in northern England.



Police check documents during a student rally in front of a university in Krakow. The students were supporting striking workers. (Reuters photo)

**Surgery to stop growth**

SURABAYA, April 29, (Reuters):

An Indonesian thought to be the world's tallest woman may undergo surgery to keep her from growing further, a doctor treating her said.

Dr Askandar Tjokoprawiro,

head of the team of 37 doctors

treating the woman, told a

news conference that Mulia

was measured at 2.33 metres

(seven feet, 7-3/4 inches) and

weighed 75 kg (165 pounds).

He said she was suffering from a

a brain tumour that was

stimulating her growth hor-

mones.

The operation would be risky

because it could result in blin-

dness, brain injury or damage

to her hormone reproductive

system, Askandar said.

"I am willing to undergo the

operation, because I want to

live normally like other peo-

ple," Mulia told journalists

who visited her at Sutomo

Hospital.

"The tumour in her brain

measures 20 by 16

millimetres.

The opposition sources said

the strike at the Stalowa Wola

Mill and heavy equipment plant

200 km south of Warsaw began

on schedule despite the arrest of

four Solidarity activists there on

Thursday.

It was led by Wieslaw Wojtas, chairman of an illegal Solidarity

committee there, who escaped arrest last week after organising a protest rally.

The sources said authorities

on Thursday withdrew passes

from 300 Solidarity supporters in

the work force and sent them

away to recreation camps or on

business trips in an apparent

attempt to avert the strike.

The situation of two Solidarity

national leaders held by police in

the eastern city of Lublin on

Thursday remained unclear.

Union spokesman Janusz

Onyszkiewicz and former under-

ground leader Zbigniew Bujak

were held with top adviser

professor Bronislaw Geremek

and Warsaw University math-

ematics professor Henryk Woz-

nianowski on their way to a meet-

ing in Lublin.

Kyodo news agency reported.

"It (World War Two) is the

worst memory in my life. I am

glad the nation worked together

for peace after the end of the war.

I hope everybody does not forget

it and works to maintain peace,"

he said.

**French poll**

PARIS: April 29, (UPI): French President Francois Mitterrand is seen as the winner of a televised

pre-election debate with

Challenger Prime Minister

Jacques Chirac that included a

particularly bitter clash on their

handling of terrorism, a follow-up

poll released today said.

The duel of nearly two hours

included angry confrontations

on New Caledonia, the French

South Pacific territory now in the

throes of a bloody separatist

rebellion, and on where responsi-

bility lay for the rapid rise of the

extreme-right National Front

Party.

**Israeli plot**

BEIRUT, April 29, (Reuters):

Palestinian commander Abu

Jihad warned Palestinians in

Lebanon of an Israeli assassinat-

ion plot a few days before he was

gunned down in Tunis, Palestinian

officials said today.

**Cocaine seized**

WASHINGTON, April 29, (AP):

A leaking toilet on a US

airliner that arrived from

Colombia led government

agents at national airport on

Wednesday to \$1 million worth

of cocaine hidden in the jet's

lavatory holding tanks.

Eastern Airlines flight 806

originated in Barranquilla,

Colombia, stopped in Miami

and was on its way to Kansas

City when the leaking toilet was

discovered during a layover in

Washington, drug enforcement

administration officials said.

**Students clash**

CHITTAGONG, April 29, (Reuters):

One student was killed and

10 were injured at Bangla-

desian's Chittagong Univer-

sity, police said today. They said

the fight raged for two hours last

night.

It followed the expulsion of 16

## INTERNATIONAL

**Don't count on easy victory, rebels told**

# Soviet advisers to stay: Najib

KABUL, April 29: (Reuter) President Najibullah of Afghanistan warned anti-government rebels on Thursday not to count on an easy victory after Soviet soldiers go home.

At a news conference in the Afghan capital, he said: "Nobody has taken Kabul in the past and nobody will take it in the future. You should not have any doubt in that regard."

Referring to the period after Soviet troops withdraw, he said some leaders of the Pakistan-based rebel alliance believed they could move into a power vacuum.

"They count on victory following the return of the Soviet troops. They think soon they will be coming to Kabul riding on white horses."

### Advisers

And with a rare smile, Najibullah quoted an old Afghan proverb: "We regard this as the distribution of an unhumid bear skin."

The heavy-set former secret police chief, easily turning aside awkward questions and appear-

ing confident of his own power, was asked whether his country would continue to rely on Soviet help.

Soviet military advisers had been in Afghanistan even before the 1978 revolution and would be needed in the future, "taking into consideration the complexity of modern technology," he said.

"Not only Soviet, but also advisers from other friendly countries and even capitalist countries can help in the social, economic, cultural and even military spheres," Najibullah added.

Questioned about future shipments of armaments from the Soviet Union, he replied, "at the moment our forces have enough arms supplies but if needed, like any other state, on the basis of international law and convention, Afghanistan will take measures to consolidate its armed forces."

Clarifying his offer earlier this week to create a line of demilitarised zones along the Pakistani border to facilitate the return of refugees, Najibullah said his

government would still control these areas.

"The creation of non-militarised zones does not mean that the armed forces of Afghanistan cannot safeguard these regions."

He denied that the departing Soviet troops would leave their arms behind for the Afghan forces. "No, it is not correct and if you come on May 15 (when the Soviet withdrawal is due to begin) you will witness the truth."

But he added that the Soviet Union had built some military "establishments" — which he did not detail — and these would be left behind.

The Afghan president repeated his offer of negotiations with any opposition group in any place, saying all Afghans were welcome to "engage in all forms of political struggle excluding armed struggle."

But the limits of his tolerance were reached when he was asked whether he would allow forces opposed to the revolution to take control of the country.

"We shall not allow such a

thing," Najibullah said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto says the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan could trigger new regional turmoil leading to "another Lebanon."

Benazir also told a news conference in Washington she was concerned that unspecified nations might be considering a pre-emptive strike against Pakistan's nuclear programme, which is widely believed to be developing nuclear weapons.

In Afghanistan, the United States and other influential nations should encourage formation of a broad-based government that could work against factional disputes that could overwhelm the country following the troop withdrawal, she said.

"It is a major triumph that the Soviet troops are withdrawing" but there is great danger "of Afghanistan becoming another Lebanon with different factions holding sway in different parts," the head of the Pakistan Peoples Party said.

But political sources said the pact, which was signed by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi last July, aimed at ending violence the island's Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority.

Police said members of Bhindranwala Tiger Force, a Sikh fundamentalist group, last night drove into Mahmood Pura village, where they shot and killed two residents. The attackers shot and killed another two people on their way to nearby Rampura village, where they gunned down another five people, including a woman.

Police said four people died at the scene and the woman died in a hospital.

The attackers encountered no opposition during their attacks on two villages, police said.

They said Khalistan Commando Force, another Sikh extremists group killed another five people early today in two attacks in the Jhabal area of Amritsar district.

**Firing**

In yet another violent incident near the state capital of Chandigarh, about five Sikhs gunned in a car, opened fire at a crowded bus, police said.

They said the gunmen drove their vehicle parallel to the bus and signalled the bus driver to stop, when the driver accelerated the gunmen chased the bus and opened fire, injuring five people.

Sikh militants claim members of their faith, who make up 2 per cent of India's 800 million population, are discriminated against by the government.

More than 850 people have been killed this year by Sikh separatists campaigning to convert the Sikh-dominated Punjab into an independent Sikh state of "Khalistan". About 4,000 people have died since the militants launched their bloody campaign more than five years ago.



Children orphaned by the Afghan war listen to mujahideen leader Burhanuddin Rabbani's speech during a protest rally at a refugee camp near Peshawar. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Sri Lankans choose provincial councils

# Ruling party sweeps local polls

COLOMBO, April 29: (Reuter)

Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party (UNP) won control of all four provincial councils at stake in Thursday elections that were marked by violence, voter fear and boycotts, officials said today.

But political sources said the opposition United Socialist Alliance (USA), a group of four leftist parties, gave the UNP a shock, drawing more support than was expected and coming in a close second.

A recently formed Muslim group, the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC), fielded few candidates and managed to get only three seats on the four councils.

Provincial councils are to be set up in Sri Lanka's nine provinces under an agreement signed by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi last July, aimed at ending violence the island's Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority.

13 and the SLMC managed only one.

The UNP won 19 seats in the council for the north-central province and in north-west province, the UNP took 29 seats, the USA 19 and the SLMC two.

Elections Commissioner Chandrananda de Silva said voter turnout ranged from 30 per cent in some areas to about 55 per cent in others. Political sources said the figure was disappointing compared with an average of about 80 per cent voting in earlier elections on the islands.

They said the low turnout was possibly a result of threats by a leftist Sinhalese group, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), and the boycott call by the Freedom Party.

## Bangladesh rebels kill more settlers

RANGAMATI, Bangladesh, April 29: (Reuter)

Tribal rebels fighting for autonomy for the Chittagong Hill Tracts shot dead two labourers yesterday, raising the number of Muslim settlers killed in a week to 23, officials said.

They said one settler in the southern Bangladesh area was also seriously wounded when guerrillas from the outlawed Shanti Bahini fired sub-machine-guns and rifles at a group of workers building a road near

Khagrachhari town.

"The attack took place just a few hundred meters from a paramilitary soldiers' camp, but the rebels fled away easily," one official said.

Also yesterday, heavily armed Shantis attacked an Army camp at Dighinala and ambushed an Army patrol at Harnachhara. The rebels fled after exchanges of fire but there were no casualties, he added.

Puzzled by the blitz attacks,

Kanth said the Indians went to Libya last December after paying R.K. Enterprises, a New Delhi-based employment agency, 12,000 to 15,000 rupees (\$920 to \$1,150) for jobs in a leather factory.

Instead, they were taken to Army camps and told to undergo military training. According to Western diplomats, Libya has recruited mercenaries from the Muslim world for its battles against neighbouring Chad over the last few years.

### Return

Some of the men from the North Indian state of Uttar Pradesh escaped and fled to the Indian Embassy in Tripoli, he said. Forty of them returned to India in the last few days.

About 50 others were still in Libya, although all had left the Army camps and were either waiting to return home or had found jobs in factories, Kanth said.

He said the agency had been closed by the Labour Ministry.

The three men arrested on Tuesday, were the agency manager, his agent, and a police constable who was helping out as a sub-agent, Kanth said. They have been remanded in custody until May 11.

Shantis attacked an Army camp at Dighinala and ambushed an Army patrol at Harnachhara.

The rebels fled after exchanges of fire but there were no casualties, he added.

Earlier yesterday, soldiers arrested Ripon Chakma, whom they described as a self-styled Shanti commander, as he was wandering near their camp and seized from him a light-machine gun, ammunition and money, military officials said.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Hijackers left Algeria without achieving anything

WASHINGTON, April 29. (AP): The hijackers of a Kuwaiti jetliner left Algeria without getting what they wanted and no concessions were made to obtain the hostages' release, the Algerian ambassador said yesterday.

Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun also said that while his government would have liked to apprehend the hijackers, such a move would have damaged its credibility as a mediator in international crises, such as attempts to obtain the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

**Indicated**

The United States has been pressing Algeria for information on the deal it worked out last week for the release of the 31 hostages held by extremists on a Kuwait Airways jumbo jetliner in Algeria.

US officials said they do not have clear indications that the

hijackers left Algeria, despite reports that the pro-Iranian sky pirates were flown last Wednesday from Algiers to Syria and then made their way to Lebanon.

Sahnoun, addressing reporters at the National Press Club, indicated that the hijackers had left his country. "They went back without achieving anything," he said.

### Price

He declined to divulge details, saying that to do so would break Algeria's word to the hijackers and damage its 25-year-old role as a mediator in dozens of disputes.

"We have a skill that we put at the disposal of the international community," he said.

"This is not always understood," he added, in apparent reference to demands by the United States and other countries that Algeria help capture the hijackers and bring them to trial.

## Hijack weapons not taken aboard in Bangkok: Thais

BANGKOK, April 29. (Reuters): The director of Bangkok airport said on Thursday an investigation showed it was unlikely the weapons used in the hijack of a Kuwait Airways plane this month were taken aboard in the Thai capital.

Charoorn Pinthong said an exhaustive investigation had shown there were apparently no breaches of security at Don Muang airport's international terminal before the flight, which was bound for Kuwait, left on April 15.

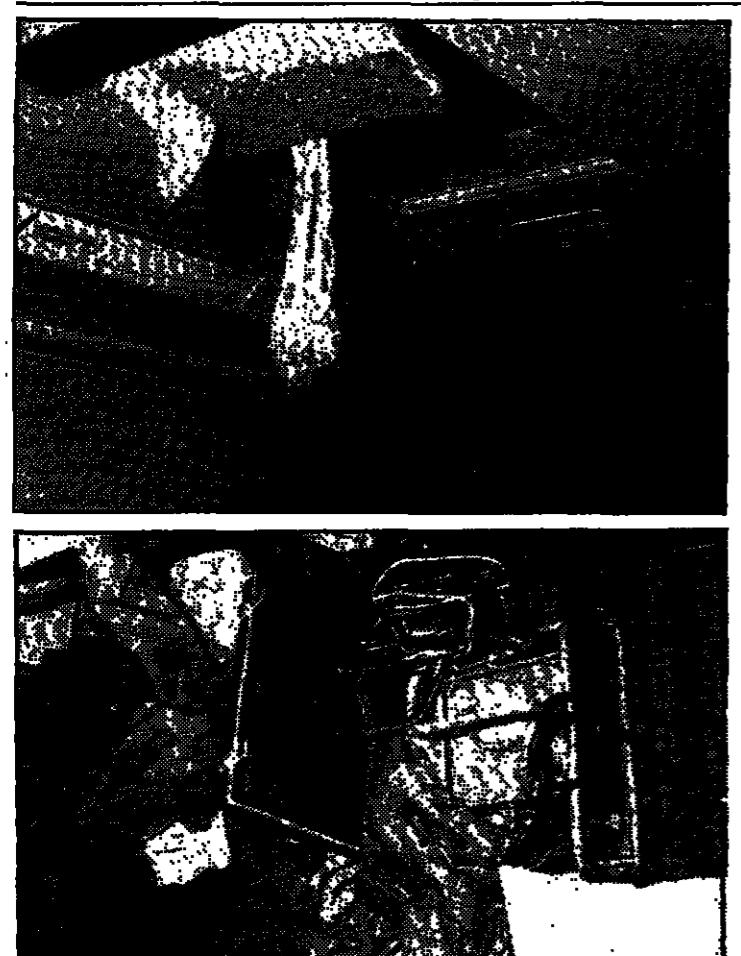
"It is unlikely that the hijackers took weapons through Ban-

kok airport," he said.

The hijackers ordered the plane, which had 115 people on board, to land at Mashhad airport in Iran, then flew on to Larnaca in Cyprus, and Algiers before surrendering on April 20.

The security chief of the International Air Transport Association, Rodney Wallis, has said it is probable the weapons were placed on board the aircraft "through the coercion or collusion of staff on the (airport) ramp."

An IATA team is due here on Monday to look into the case.



● The Kuwaiti aircraft Al Jaberia returned home on Wednesday after being hijacked for 16 days. The plane, en route from Bangkok to Kuwait, was forced to land at Iran's Mashhad airport, after which it was flown to Larnaca and finally Algiers. Some of the damage done to the interior of the aircraft is shown in the two photographs.

## Seminar on higher education

DR Mohammed Al Muhaini, speaking at a seminar on "Kuwait's Higher Education Perspective" said it was difficult to define Kuwait's higher education policy because of differing views among people involved in the issue.

He said that the university should set the example of positive aspects the community has to offer and that the higher education institutions should work towards the realisation of social goals.

Dr Abdul Aziz Sultan, speaking at the seminar organised by the Cultural Committee of Kuwait University Teachers Society, said that since Kuwait was not an industrialised country it was unable to profit from an historical perspective on higher education administration.

## Documentation centre

DIRECTOR general of the information documentation centre for the Arab Gulf states Dr Jassim Jerjees said the centre has begun documentation of addresses, statements and activities of HH the Amir of Kuwait and the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani.

In statements to Kuna, Jerjees who recently visited Kuwait said the centre is continuing efforts to implement the information network of the Arab Gulf states.

The Baghdad-based centre will organise a number of training courses with the purpose of stepping up efficiency of media men in the Gulf, he said.

"We delivered what we could deliver," namely the hostages' release, he said.

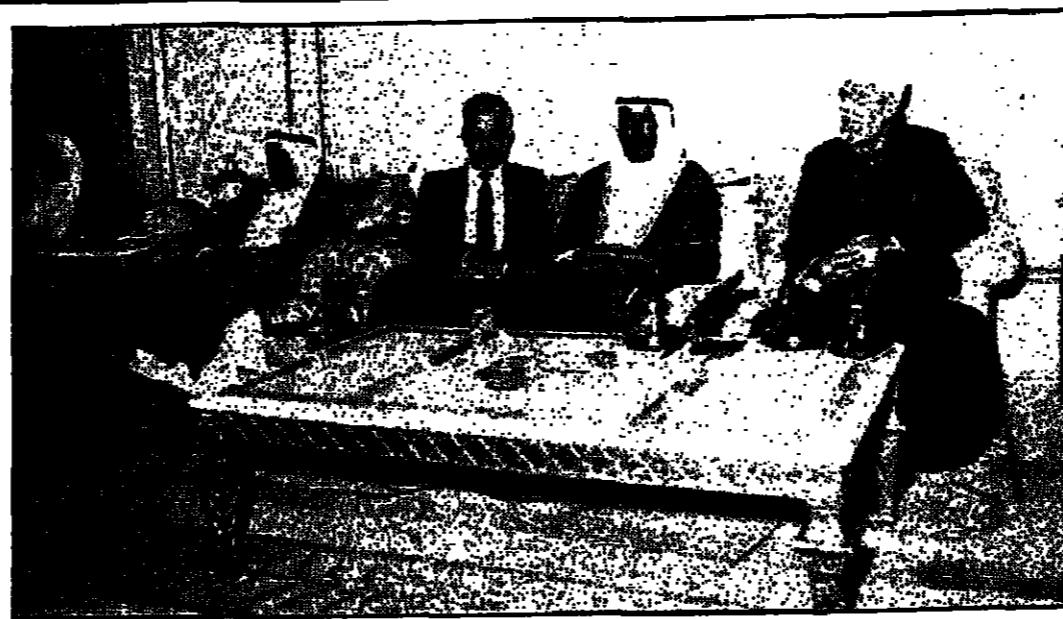
"There was a price to pay. We are not entirely satisfied," Sahnoun said. "But this was a minimum price compared with what they wanted."

The hijackers had demanded the release of 17 convicted terrorists jailed in Kuwait — a demand which was not met, he added.

There have been reports that Kuwait cancelled the death sentence against three of the 17. But Sahnoun insisted that "no concessions were made."

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 8.00 Holy Quran  
 8.10 The Care Bears: cartoons  
 8.30 Danger Bay: a rare species of fossil fish.  
 9.00 News in English  
 9.40 Islamic Horizon  
 9.50 Islam and Muslims Around the World  
 10.40 Flying Doctors  
 11.30 Together We Stand: Jack is just a little dishonest while doing his homework and has to pay for it. Comedy. Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Key Huy Quan, Natasha Bobo and Scott Grimes.  
 12.00 Best-Seller: Alamo: Western. The Texans rebel against interference from the central government.  
 1.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**MONDAY**

8.00 Holy Quran  
 8.10 Wildfire: cartoon serial  
 8.30 The Animal Express  
 9.00 News in English  
 9.40 Islamic Horizon  
 9.50 Faith and Science  
 10.30 Murder She Wrote: Jessica's sister, a singer, is invited to the UK by a lord. Everything goes wrong for the girl and Jessica has to help.  
 11.30 Survival: "Gallapagos". The waters surrounding the islands are extremely cold, and a breeding ground of several species.  
 12.00 Hanou: the lawyer's case is complicated when his client commits a crime.  
 1.30 News in Brief

**WHAT'S ON****ARTS**

Sultan Gallery "The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghainai Bldg, Al Soor St.

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**TV CORNER****This week on KTV 2**

1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown  
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 8.00 Holy Quran  
 8.10 Pole Position: cartoons  
 8.30 Punky Brewster: on Halloween eve, Punky and her friends harass an old woman living in the neighbourhood.  
 9.00 News in English  
 9.40 Islamic Horizon  
 10.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: a look at the blue stork.  
 10.30 Leg Work: "Blind Trust". Claire's maid is sought after by young men after getting a large sum of money.  
 11.20 Q.E.D.: documentary  
 12.00 Feature film: "My Palikari". Starring: Kate Gordon. A Greek immigrant decides to return home after living in the US for 35 years. Trouble starts when his son refuses to go back.  
 1.30 News Summary  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
 8.00 Holy Quran  
 8.10 The Adventures of Gummibear: cartoons  
 8.30 Growing Pains: Jason hires an old man to do repairs in the house; and is opposed by the entire family.  
 9.00 News in English

Kuwait Players Antidote—a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy—an evening of laughter will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets—KD 3. For reservations call 5613465; 5610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

**SPORTS**

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club May Calendar: May 1: Full match at Fintas; kick off—7.30 pm; attendance compulsory for Cyprus tourists; all others—welcome. Match followed by tour meeting to pay outstanding monies.  
 Thursday, May 5: Game at Fintas. Men vs Women plus kids. Game followed by BBQ. KD 2.50 per head.  
 Tuesday, May 10: Club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

**SOCIAL**

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**Young Goans Association**

Seven-a-side football tournament on May 17, Al Sour Ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida on 4813740.

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## Thought for today

THERE is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so — William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616).

## Israelis concerned over PLO-Syria ties

By Masha Hamilton

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): The first steps towards a rapprochement between the PLO and Syria reflect a Syrian desire for more influence in Israeli-occupied territories and a need by Yasser Arafat for Syrian help in Lebanon, according to Israeli analysts.

The analysts say that if a rapprochement comes about, it could further complicate US-backed peace efforts in the Middle East and lead to intensified Arab rioting in the occupied territories.

The two leaders discussed in Damascus on Monday the US peace plan and the nearly five-month Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, according to Syrian and Palestinian sources.

It was Arafat's first visit to the Syrian capital since Assad expelled him on June 24, 1984, amid a Syrian-backed PLO military against Arafat's leadership.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel's response to the meeting would be to heighten its alert along its borders and in the West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinians have staged their most violent protests in 21 years of Israeli occupation.

Commandos have tried 11 times to infiltrate Israel from Lebanon in five months. In an attempt Tuesday, two Israeli soldiers and three guerrillas were killed.

Dan Meridor, a member of the Israeli parliament who is very close to Shamir, said in a TV broadcast that "I know the Lebanese area is an area from which the PLO would like to operate and would, of course, want Syrian assistance. I hope Arafat will not make such a mistake. I assume we would not see it in a favourable light."

Arafat may also want to improve his relations with Syria because his pragmatic wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation was weakened by the April 16 assassination of his deputy Khalil Al Wazir, military analyst Zeev Schiff told the Associated Press.

Abu Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, was buried in Damascus. He was popular with both Arafat loyalists and pro-Syrian dissidents.

Israeli sources have said Israel carried out the killing, but government officials have denied comment. Long-divided Pales-

**Mitterrand remains an enigma in France**

PARIS, (Reuter): Francois Mitterrand won the first round of the presidential election on Sunday after keeping France guessing for months whether he would seek a second mandate at the age of 71.

Critics denounced the Socialist leader as "the prince of ambiguity" for refusing to reveal his intentions.

But while his rightist challengers fought out internal squabbles, Mitterrand built up a war chest of popularity for the coming battle against his chief challenger, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Mitterrand says he returned to the campaign trail to save France from what he calls the rapacious "bands and factions" of the right.

His adversaries see another reason: the desire of an obstinate old man to wreak revenge on Chirac, who forced him into a humiliating power-sharing exercise two years ago.

Mitterrand, who in 1981 entered the history books as the first Socialist elected president of France under the Fifth Republic, suffered two setbacks during his seven-year term.

**Austerity**

Setting out with a radical left programme of nationalisations and job-creation, Mitterrand was forced in 1983 to change tack and follow an austerity policy after several franc crises.

In March 1986, his Socialist party lost a general election to Chirac's centre-right coalition, which took control of parliament.

The defeat forced Mitterrand to name Chirac as his prime minister while he retreated to pockets of power in defence and foreign affairs.

But he sprang back in a new role as arbiter above the fray of everyday politics. His nickname of "Tonton" — uncle in baby talk — summed up his new role.

"Mitterrand died in 1986, but he was reborn in the form of a

## Resumption of Saudi relations with Soviets

# Afghan accord paves way for rapprochement

By Patrick Werr

BAHRAIN, (Reuter): The Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan is expected to set the stage for a resumption of formal relations between Moscow and staunchly anti-communist Saudi Arabia after a 50-year break, diplomats and political analysts say.

They said that by putting an ambassador in the kingdom, long a bastion of American influence, the Soviet Union would score a major coup that might be quickly followed in Bahrain and Qatar, the only two other Arab countries that still have no ties with Moscow.

"The Saudis have made Afghanistan a condition for so long it would be hard for them to back down now," said one diplomat.

According to an agreement signed in Geneva on April 15, the Soviet Union on May 15 will begin a nine-month withdrawal from Afghanistan of an estimated 115,000 troops, ending

nine years of occupation.

In 1927, the Soviet Union was the first country to recognise the new Saudi kingdom but there have been no formal ties since 1938 when the last Soviet ambassador was asked to leave.

### Opposed

The intensely-religious kingdom, home to Islam's two holiest sites, has long been opposed to what it describes as atheist communism and is a major backer of Afghan Muslim guerrillas. It now maintains no formal ties with any Eastern bloc country or with communist China.

But diplomats and analysts say the Saudis have been driven more by suspicion of Soviet motives in the Middle East than by religious zeal.

Mark Katz, a Washington-based analyst of Soviet-Arab relations, told Reuters the Saudis are impressed with the liberalism introduced by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

They also feel Moscow is now less interested in supporting

radical leftist movements than a decade or two ago.

Diplomats said a Soviet flag in Riyadh's new diplomatic quarter would make the Americans stand up and take notice of one of their major allies that feels it is ignored.

Relations between Riyadh and Washington have increasingly been strained by Congress's humiliating refusal to approve weapon sales to the kingdom and by US support for Israel.

Turned away by their traditional arms supplier, the Saudis have turned more and more to other countries for their defence needs.

One recent country to fill the void was China, which sold the Saudis medium range missiles. When the Americans protested, the Saudis made it clear the US ambassador was no longer welcome in Riyadh, diplomatic sources said.

The ambassador returned to Washington and a new one was named.

Diplomats say Moscow stands to gain from the Saudi disenchantment with the United States. They want the Saudis to persuade the Afghan guerrillas to allow a smooth withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Moscow would like port facilities for its Gulf fleet, and the respectability conferred by having relations with Saudi Arabia might convince a country like the United Arab Emirates to accept Soviet ships, diplomats say.

The Saudi-Soviet courtship began in 1983 when Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal visited Moscow as part of an Arab League delegation.

It has included, since the beginning of this year, the sale to the Soviet Union of 170,000 tonnes of wheat. The wheat was part of a mountain of grain built up by massive Saudi farm subsidies.

Last year Prince Saud returned to Moscow as a representative of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and in February Vladimar

Polyakov, director of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk, became the highest ranking Soviet official to visit the kingdom since 1938.

But in spite of the high-level courtship, the Saudis are likely to wait until the troop withdrawal is certain before exchanging diplomats.

Other Saudi reservations include the apparent unwillingness of the Kremlin to go along with an arms embargo against Iran. But the prospect of relations with Saudi Arabia might make the pill of antagonising the Iranians with an embargo easier for Moscow to swallow.

Katz, who recently visited the kingdom, said that in the past, the Saudis had had other conditions. These included a Soviet withdrawal from South Yemen and Ethiopia and more freedom for Saudi citizens to make the annual pilgrimage to Makkah.

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Riyadh.

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## Uprising prompts war of ads in US

By Neil MacFarquhar

NEW YORK, (AP): On the West Bank and Gaza Strip, rocks and bullets are the projectiles of choice in the battle between Israelis and Palestinians. In America, the battle is waged with newspaper advertisements.

"Sometimes the only way to get what you want said into the newspaper is to pay for it," said Ruth Popkin, president of Hadassah, the Jewish women's group that placed an ad calling for a dialogue between women in the Mideast.

There are ads that call for an end to "all aid to apartheid Israel." There are ads that say, "We stand with (Israelis) in your hour of trial, are confident in your essential decency and commitment to democratic values."

Readers of the New York Times and the Washington Post have grown accustomed to such ads through the years. The Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal, the Boston Globe, the Nation, Harper's and the New York Review of Books also are favoured media for issues ads.

But the volume of such ads is increasing and spreading to smaller newspapers like the AP.

Benson said the five put up

\$36,000 for the first of a series of ads in the Times because they wanted visiting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to know that American Jews support his position.

They joined "the war of the ads," as he called it, to decrease the pressure on Israel to "trade territory for so-called peace."

"We see the riots as just another phase in the campaign against Israel, in the war against Israel," said Benson.

In contrast, Mark Bruzonsky, an attorney who used to work for the American Jewish Congress, arranged an ad that advocates reducing both US aid to Israel and military and intelligence cooperation.

"We as American Jews don't want to be associated with what Israel is doing," said Bruzonsky. "It's both embarrassing and shameful that the United States continues to support these policies, which are abhorrent."

"It is no secret that the Jewish lobby is extremely powerful. members of Congress are afraid of speaking out," Bruzonsky said. "That made it more important that American Jews like ourselves have the courage to speak out."

Michael Lerner, editor of Tikkun magazine and an organiser of an ad campaign calling for an end to the military occupation, said courage is necessary. He says he has received death threats in the mail due to the ads.

But Jack Mondale says his

Fifth Avenue apartment has been inundated with mail supporting his full-page ads in the Times calling upon Israel to maintain control over the territories.

"It is not true that some people say that the American Jewish community is divided over Israel; 99 per cent are steadfast behind Israel," he said. He has spent \$300,000 of his publishing fortune on ads in dozens of papers.

Faris Bouhafa, spokesman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said his organisation prefers to post handbills in the subway. But the committee is a member of the Council of Presidents of Arab-American Organisations, which has advertised.

Jewish ads outnumber Arab ads by a two-to-one margin because "the organised Jewish community, especially in New York, feels very defensive about the way that Israel is perceived right now. They're trying to offset that negative image with paid advertising," he said.

Nirmala Rani, a widow with her two children at Radha Soami Satsang refugee camp in Beas. The Sikh extremists killed all the male members of her family. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Punjab survivors flee to village haven

By Hugh Pain

BEAS, India, (Reuter): Nirmala Rani stares into an empty future, her daughter on her knee, another child growing inside her slender body. Her listless eyes say nothing.

It is not easy to be a widow in India.

On Jan 1 this year, armed men came for her husband's eldest brother, Charanjan, a keeper of a small shop in Jhode village, Punjab.

Next they rounded up the middle brother, Kewal Krishan, in his shop in nearby Batala, and not far away in Ghaziwal they found her husband, Kuldeep Rai, who was 22. They killed all of them.

"They had issued no threats — my sons had no enemies," says Satya Devi, Nirmala's mother-in-law.

Their only crime in the eyes of the killers, who are fighting for a separate Sikh state, was that they were Hindus in a Sikh district.

Unlike the younger woman, Satya is plump and articulate, with a controlled desperation.

"I don't know what we can do — how we can earn a living. I have only one son left and he has only one hand, from an accident in childhood."

**Killings**

After the killings, Satya, the three widows and their eight children lived in her house in Jhode for two months, wondering what to do next. But in March their landlord, fearing reprisals, told them they had to go.

It was then that they heard of the dera (religious community) run by the Radha Soami Satsang, an unorthodox — some would say heretical — Sikh sect devoted to the teachings of its living guru, Mahajar Charan Singh.

Only two months ago a small party of frightened, homeless Sikhs begged shelter in the spacious grounds of the dera in this small riverside town, and the Mahajar took them in.

The word soon spread and a steady trickle of people, averaging 20 a day, now arrives in Beas seeking shelter.

Each of them is vetted by retired brigadier Gorbachan Singh Bal, its administrator, who listens to their tales and admits those Hindus and Sikhs alike who are in genuine need.

More than 800 people now live

here, most of them with harrowing tales of lives shattered by the violence that has brought death to more than 600 people in Punjab this year.

Niranjan Singh and his wife, Swaran Kaur, saw their son, daughter, and daughter-in-law shot dead before their eyes. They themselves survived, he with a bullet through his side, her thigh and her arm.

A second son, coming to see them in hospital a few days later, was gunned down in Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

"Yes," says Niranjan, "my elder son was a police informer. But when he was killed the police said he was a smuggler shot in inter-gang warfare. I do not know why — perhaps to save paying compensation. We have received nothing. This is our son's reward."

"We have no other place," said Swaran. "If we go back to our village they would kill us."

The extremists have struck in villages all around the dera, the nearest only a kilometre (half-mile) away.

But the community, guarded by armed police and watched over by the hundreds of voluntary workers who run it, has so far escaped as a haven for the ever-growing number of survivors who have no other place to go.

**Fed**

Fortunately, the dera has religious gatherings several times a year during which up to 400,000 people are fed and temporarily housed, so accommodation and care are no problem.

The brigadier and his staff run it with military efficiency, and if they ever wonder whether the gunmen, or even the sheer numbers of refugees, may one day overwhelm their peaceful community, they give no sign of it.

Kundan Singh was a farmer in Khera, not far from here. On Feb 6 he was killed along with his wife, two sons, a daughter, her fiance, a daughter-in-law, and another relative.

Niranjan Singh, the only surviving son, fled with his wife to Beas.

"Our whole family is gone," he said. "We shall stay until the state is peaceful."

The brigadier may have a long task ahead.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1506 — England and the Netherlands sign commercial treaty, but Philip the Handsome subsequently refuses to ratify it because it is favourable to England.

1524 — Chevalier Bayard is killed and French are driven from Lombardy, Italy.

1650 — French rebels conclude treaty with Spain.

1657 — English fleet defeats Spanish fleet off Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

1789 — George Washington is inaugurated as first president of the United States.

1803 — United States purchases Louisiana territory and New Orleans from French.

1824 — Crete is captured by Egyptians.

1881 — France's Navy seizes

Many new films in the pipeline

# Business is booming in filmland

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

BUSINESS is booming in filmland. Many new films were launched recently with a bang, and the shooting for many others is going on in full swing. This week we will concentrate on these films, to give readers an idea of what's cooking in the studios covered with stardust.

Jeeendra, Rekha, Rishi Kapoor and Mandakini head the cast of R.A. Film Sheeshnaag. The film was launched at a specially erected set at Chandidas Studios. A huge cut-out of the film's logo was carved at the entrance of the studio and the Sheeshnaag flags adorned the venue. Jeeendra and Rishi Kapoor broke the auspicious coconut jointly, music director Laxmikant sounded the clapper board and Mandakini switched on the camera, while Rekha, Anupam Kher and Sharat Saxena featured in the muhurat shot. The dialogue rendered by the artistes were:

Anupam Kher: "Jis din tera baap mirega, main ghar main ghee ke diye jalaoonga, sare mohalle mein laddu bawaoonga. Saari daulat par naag ka phan mera baitha hai. Saala maria hi nahin."

Rekha: "Mere pita ko lambi umar dena, hev sheeshnaag." The film is produced by Nalini Shankar and directed by K.R. Reddy.

With the conclusion of a long shooting stint Billoo Badshah is 80 per cent complete. Participants in the schedule included Shatrughan Sinha, Kadar Khan, Gulshan Grover, Goga Kapoor, Mac Mohan and junior artistes. Billoo Badshah also stars Anita Raj, Govinda, Neelam, Sumeet Saigal, Archana Joglekar, and Jagdeep (in a special appearance). The film is directed by Sisir Mishra. A whole middle-class area was created inside Filmalaya Studio, including the joint family house of Shatru, who plies a rickshaw. The fly in the ointment is a rich city girl who enters the family as a daughter-in-law.

Jeeendra, Raj Babbar and Kimi Katkar head the cast of Antim Yudh. The film co-stars Shakti Kapoor and Amjad Khan. Two top heroines are yet to be finalised. The producer is Jancesh Dayal and the director, Ashok Tyagi. Antim Yudh will be shot in India, Nepal and USA. A special attraction is the Canadian beauty Karen Baldwin who is cast as the second heroine. She won the title of Miss World '87.

Producer Arvind Seksaria has signed Sonam in the female lead for Mr & Mrs 420 to be directed by Sudarshan Rattan. Music is by Bappi Lahiri. They obviously want to revive the success of R.K.'s Shri 420. Similarly, Rekha has started a film called Madam X, to follow Mr X.

Arjun Sablok and Shikha Swarup who won the title of Miss India 1987 will head the cast of producer Rajiv Mehrotra's Production No. 1 to be made under the banner of Indo-Austral Movies. The film will also star Suresh Oberoi and

Gulshan Grover.

Director Raj Sippy recently completed a long shooting in Ooty for Makader which is now almost complete. Vinod Khanna, Meenakshi, Soujali, Anupam Kher and Shakti Kapoor participated in the outdoor shoot. Soujali draws all the lime-light in the film playing a good-hearted call-girl opposite Vinod.

Sunny Deol, Sri Devi, Anupam Kher and a number of junior artistes participated during the shooting recently at the Natraj Studios in Bombay for Nigahen being produced and directed by Harmesh Malhotra.

Fran, Anjana Mumtaz, Gulshan Grover are the key artistes in the film which has story by Jagmohan Kapoor, dialogues by Dr Achala Nagar, cinematography by Durga Prasad, lyrics by Anand Bakshi and music by Laxmikant Pyarelal. It is a sequel or second part to the super-hit Nagina, with Sunny replacing Rishi Kapoor.

**Completed**

Producer-Director Mohan Bhakri has completed the entire shooting of Kabristan with a long spell, during which Hemant Birje, Kamna, Javed Khan, Raza Murad, Madhu Malhotra, Huma Khan, Jagdeep and Amjad Khan participated. Photographed by Arvind Bhakri it's a horror film. The main set-up is a graveyard where strange things happen at night.

During the second shooting schedule director K.R. Reddy filmed some important scenes

on different locations in Madras for Garjana in which Vinod Khanna, Sri Devi and fighters participated. The film also stars Nutan, Rishi Kapoor, Amrish Puri, Shakti Kapoor, Tej Sapru. During the third schedule also in Madras, the entire star cast of the film participated. Luckily for the producer, Vinod has changed his attitude and is now giving enough dates.

The second song of Shakti Samanta's film Askari Baazi was recorded in Bombay under the supervision of music director Annu Malik. Written by Indivar, it was sung by Sadhana Sargam. Ashim Samanta directs this film. A surprise entry in the cast is Kunal (Manoj) Goswami along with Shatru, Govinda, Mandakini and Sonam.

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## Whitney Houston tops charts

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Gearing forward for the 21st century

## Spirit of ingenuity distinguishes Holland

JUST one glance at the map is enough for anyone to see that Holland is first and foremost a maritime trading nation — situated on the North Sea, at the mouth of Europe's most important waterway, the Rhine. That is why the country has for centuries been the meeting place of Europe.

The Netherlands is small. But has continually expanded and, bit-by-bit, has been reclaiming land from the sea. Its windmills, dykes, dams and locks are living witnesses to land reclamation.

That is why the west of the country, behind the wide beaches and dunes, is as flat as the sea itself. See the fascinating transformation of the landscape for yourself and you will understand why so many Dutchmen have become painters.

### History

The capital, Amsterdam, became a great city during the 17th century. Seafarers and merchants ensured that the whole world knew the Dutch flag. This spirit of enterprise in Amsterdam brought the country unprecedented prosperity. A wealth that lives on through the unique architecture of the 17th century canal houses.

Wander around Amsterdam and witness what is perhaps the most vivid history that any city could hope for.

The Netherlands is a monarchy. The present sovereign, Queen Beatrix of Orange, receives the same respect from her subjects as that for her 16th century ancestor, William of Orange.

He led the country in the war of independence against Spain. Since 1648, the provinces have been united as an independent state. The modern form of government, a constitutional monarchy, was chosen by the people's representatives in 1848.

Government and parliament are situated in The Hague. Now that the Queen has also chosen this city as her residence, it is the seat of government in truly majestic style.

Earth, air, fire and water; these are the four natural elements. From these elements, earth and water have, in the Netherlands, formed an incomparable harmony. And they are

Holland has a long past and an exciting future — the struggle of the Dutch against the surrounding water has been well-documented, and the country grows in size as the Dutch perfect their technique for reclaiming land out of the sea.

probably even better known for our ability to tame the water than for Rembrandt's 'Night-watch' or the unique Dutch bulb flowers.

It was in 1150 that the first polder was reclaimed, by means of dykes enclosing an area of sea, and the Netherlands has been getting bigger ever since.

About 20% of the land surface is reclaimed and consequently lies below sea level.

The expertise and insight, which come from centuries of experience, have culminated in the gigantic IJsselmeer polders, (the former Zuider Zee) in the world famous Afsluitdijk (enclosing dike) and in the impressive Delta works in the province of Zeeland.

**Monumental places of interest**

One of the nicest things about all these efforts is that you can actually go and see the results. From the restaurant on the 30 kilometre long Afsluitdijk you can see the magnitude of this project — when you can no longer see any land but just the dyke itself, which cuts a straight line through the water.

Walking, cycling or driving past the 18 fully intact windmills of Kinderdijk, south of Rotterdam, will make you realize how in earlier days the water had to be drained using the power of the wind.

Today you see a beautiful landscape, where the peace of nature and the calm movement of the windmills' sails, might well lead you to believe that the twentieth century has not even begun.

But it is the knowledge that these structures have played such a vital role in our community that gives this great collection of windmills their distinguished character.

The windmills were superseded a long time ago. The 'Neeltje Jans' barrier in the province of Zeeland is a working example of the modern technology and unrestrained



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energy that the Netherlands spends nowadays on the protection of its coastline.

Tradition is the basis of folklore, and the Dutch way of life is especially rich in tradition. Everything from herring eating at the market to barrel organs which wind their way through the streets playing their cheerful music; from the sometimes subdued, sometimes vivid costumes to the many old crafts, which are still practised with enthusiasm.

The Dutch wooden shoe, for instance, is just as functional as it is traditional. In homes in the countryside, there is always a row of clogs to be found by the back door ... not for decoration, but for daily use!

And more and more folkloristic markets and festivals are organised throughout the country, where clog dancing and many other folk dances are performed; where old crafts

shops which people from all over the world come to see ... just to enjoy the combination of pleasant simplicity and indisputable quality.

Dutch culture is all over the world mentioned in the same breath as the 17th century, our Golden Age. The Dutch painters and artists then reached a new vision of their subjects, whether it concerned a landscape, a still life, an interior or a portrait.

It was also at this time that the famous seascapes works and town views were created. Yet even though the subjects were great, the Golden Age was for the Netherlands the area of tiny measurements. It was typical of the 'Hollandsche School' that they wanted nothing to do with large measurements.

There is one glorious exception to the rule though, by which they acquired their world fame: the group portraits of regent families and citizen soldiers. Rembrandt's Night-watch is literally and figuratively one of the greatest paintings that was brought out of this movement.

### Lasting wealth

And the Netherlands has enough museums to show it all: more than 500. They range from great and famous museums such as the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam to the unique open-air museum in Arnhem, the Zaandse Schans or the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen. A walk through the old town of, for instance, Amsterdam, Delft, Groningen or Gouda is a very special experience. Unbroken rows of 16th, 17th and 18th century facades adorn the canals and streets.

Visit one of the many towns and villages along the IJsselmeer on market day ... the water glistens in the sunlight, the aroma of coffee wafts over from the terraces. Edam, Volendam, Marken, Staphorst or Spakenburg — these are names known throughout the world. Holland is steeped in tradition — and we get more and more pleasure out of it. And this pleasure, derived from the folklore, tends to be rather contagious!

But tradition here is something more than costumes and folkloristic markets. It is also the centuries-old art of Delft Blue and Makkum pottery.

The craftsmanship practised for generations in the Dutch pottery factories and work-



The calm movement of a windmill's sails might lead one to believe that the 20th century has not begun, but the Netherlands is one of Europe's most prosperous nations.

## Story of the black tulip

On 19th February 1986, the news agency Reuter released a short statement: 'A Dutch horticultural group claimed today that it has produced a flower which has eluded gardeners for centuries — the black tulip.' For those of us who view flowers as purely decorative, this snippet of news may well have passed us by unnoticed. But for the horticultural world — and Dutch horticulturists in particular — it was nothing short of a thunderbolt.



It took the combined resources of six horticultural concerns to bring the black tulip to fruition.

The man responsible for breaking the black tulip myth is Mr Geert Hageman, whose company Triflor B.V. operates under the auspices of the West Friesland Floral Institute. For the last 25 years, the institute has been carrying out extensive research work with dark tulips, attempting to eliminate the last intrusive strain of purple. At last, after years of crossing and re-crossing, the Queen of the Night and Viennese Waltz have obligingly reproduced an undoubtedly black bloom. 'It may not be very, very black,' says Hageman, 'but it's certainly black enough. Not jet black, or coal black. Just satisfyingly black.'

### Making Horticultural history

Hageman estimates that his one frail bulb has cost something like £500,000 to produce and there's no guarantee that there will ever be another one. Tulips are fickle creatures; the Queen of the Night and Viennese Waltz could just as easily

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## Largest meat exporter in Europe

Picture Holland as it was painted by the Dutch masters — gentle, pastoral scenery, a windmill on the horizon, and cattle peacefully grazing in the meadows. Although today's landscape has been radically changed by modern architecture, road construction and industrial development, the cattle remain a constant feature. And a constant reminder of one of Holland's oldest and most respected industries — the livestock trade.

AS a result of the low level of much of the country — approximately 25 per cent of the Netherlands lies below sea level — the pasture land is both rich and extensive. Given these natural resources, the growth of the Dutch livestock industry was a logical progression, rapidly forming a vital part of Holland's national economy.

The Netherlands is now one of the largest producers of meat and meat products in the world, a position that has been partly attained by the fact that for many centuries agriculture has formed an essential element of Dutch life. However, although experience is an invaluable asset, this success can also be attributed to the extraordinary Dutch ability of making a virtue out of necessity. Despite the rich quality of the pasture land, a relatively limited amount of space is available; a factor which has historically provoked a high degree of ingenuity and progressive thought.

### Health stock

To gain a clearer picture of Holland's livestock sector, it is necessary to known something about the extensive infrastructure that the Dutch have built up to support this industry. The secret of good quality meat lies essentially in animal health care, and the Dutch take this aspect extremely seriously, with something in the region of 2,250 veterinarians responsible for the everyday health of the animal population.

Diagnostic and scientific research activities are provided by the Animal Health Care Foundation, jointly set up by the government and various associated farming organizations. Six regional services, each with its own laboratory, are supported by one of Europe's most advanced laboratories, the Central Animal Medical Institute in Leyden.

The guarantees required in respect to the health of livestock are essential to the overall meat trade. Viruses and microorganisms of a serious nature, such as foot and mouth disease, swine plague and vesicular swine fever, can easily manifest in meat, constituting a dangerous source of possible infection.

### Testing and inspecting

In addition to monitoring animal diseases, public health and sanitary requirements are also considered of the utmost importance. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries therefore established a government department for the inspection of cattle and meat (RVV), and this body is responsible for such activities as:

- inspecting animals before and after slaughter
- inspecting animal products
- providing export certificates for meat and meat products
- controlling the refrigerated transportation of meat and meat products
- preventive inspection (including hygiene) in slaughterhouses
- awarding recognitions of approval and supervising com-



Meat products are tested in a laboratory, and must comply with stringent specifications before they are exported.

ppliance with quality standards.

In 15 districts a veterinary surgeon directs a team of inspectors vested with direct control over these procedures. Although the government only has a supervisory or advisory function in regard to hygiene during slaughter and processing. The brunt of the responsibility lies with the farmers themselves, who have developed their own systems of inspection over the years, many of which exceed government requirements.

Every animal destined to be slaughtered is registered from the time of birth and after slaughtering, immediate control and inspection takes place under the supervision of a veterinarian. Each carcass is individually inspected by an RVV official and only after approval has been granted is it deemed fit to be issued with an EEC stamp.

The use of hormonal growth stimulating additives is strictly prohibited, with the General Inspection Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Meat Inspection Services exercising

tight control in this sphere.

In addition, the use of antibiotics is monitored during the slaughtering process. Although the residues of agricultural insecticides can be traced in minute quantities in Dutch meat, these amounts are far below the internationally accepted tolerance levels. This, again, is the result of the careful scrutiny to which livestock is subjected during all phases of production.

### Meat for export

In addition to the RVV inspections, a sensor inspection of meat and canned meat products is also carried out by the Meat Products Quality Control Bureau. In accordance with the Quality Control Regulations on the Export of Meat Products (1958), products for export must meet pre-ordained standards with regard to composition, keeping qualities, packaging, labelling, description, etc. Testing that products comply with these specifications is performed by chemical, bacteriological and visual/sensor inspections at the



Pastureland in the Netherlands is both rich and extensive contributing to high-quality products.

Dutch Centre for Meat Technology (a branch of the Central Institute for Nutritional Research).

Every Dutch exporter has to report to the Meat Products Inspection Bureau, who then test the products due to be shipped abroad by a method of random sampling. Chemical and bacteriological inspection is carried out in accordance with fixed parameters and sensor inspection is carried out by officials with a deep practical experience of meat product processing.

### First in meat

There are approximately 40 inspectors in total, and 5 of these will be present at each inspection, assessing the products on such criteria as outward appearance, exterior/interior colour, exterior/interior fat content, preliminary processing, undesirable ingredients, ease of cutting and spreading, smell, taste and non-permitted ingredients.

If the product does not make the grade, it is tested again at a subsequent inspection. If it is still not up to standard, then it is rejected for export purposes.

The collective meat production and processing industries have made the Netherlands the largest meat exporting nations in Europe, and such specialities as tender white veal, pre-sale (pre-salted) lamb from Texel, and the economical production of pork and beef have all contributed to this leading position.

As a result, the export value of the livestock sector makes up a significant share of the country's total balance of trade. Thanks to a strong international demand for Dutch products and the flexibility of the Dutch exporters, a very large part of Dutch meat production is sold abroad. More than 90 per cent of the veal produced in the Netherlands is exported, more than 50 per cent of the beef, over 60

per cent of the pork and 70 per cent of the lamb.

Because of this large dependency upon export, the Dutch meat industry has been forced to take the highest precautions possible in the fields of health care and quality control. Working within a watertight framework of laws, inspection procedures and research activities, Dutch meat products meet all the existing international specifications currently in force.

The fierce competition and the sophisticated tastes of today's consumers have produced a demand for extremely high quality and an elaborate choice of products — and all at reasonable prices. Through such organisations as the Meat Marketing Board, the Dutch have achieved these demanding criteria, with the result that Dutch meat products continue to remain a favourite with consumers throughout the world.



A selection of meat products for export. The fierce competition and sophisticated tastes of consumers have produced a demand for extremely high-quality products.

## Agriculture and tradition

OVER the years, new acquisitions have found their way to the museum from all parts of the country: authentic farmhouses from the Achterhoek, Twente and South Limburg, windmills from South Holland and Friesland, a water-driven papermill from the Veluwe, and a number of trading premises, such as a bleachery, a brewery, an oil mill and a wooden shoemaker's workshop. In addition, there is a fisherman's hut, a Hindelooper room, bakers' ovens, regional costumes, various modes of transport that have fallen out of use and a traditional herb garden.

### From shrines to smithies

During the Second World War, the museum suffered heavily in the hostilities, and several buildings and artifacts were lost, including the entire costume collection. After the war, the buildings and parkland were lovingly restored and in the intervening years, the collection has been greatly expanded. Farmhouses from Overijssel, North and South Holland, Drenthe, Gelderland, North Brabant, Friesland and Groningen now display their old-world charms alongside such exhibits as a polder drainage mill, a day labourer's cottage, archery butts, a wayside shrine, a toll-house, a village school, a smithy and a farmhouse-cum-inn. A nationwide women's committee undertook the collection of a second display of regional costumes and since 1955 these have been on show in an exhibition area adjoining the administration wing. The first costume exhibition was entitled 'Netherlands in Wedding Finery', and in that year alone there were over 250,000 visitors to the museum complex.

A serious fire early in 1970 destroyed part of the 'Zaan district,' the cobbler's house, a tobacconist's shop and a corner house from Krommenie being lost. The first two of these buildings proved impossible to replace and so a formal garden was laid out, complete with a coach-house and the coachman's living accommodation.



A small Dutch farmhouse.

### Day to day history

The aim of the Netherlands Open Air Museum is to give an objective view of the daily life of the Dutch people in days gone by. Their lives, their homes and their work are obviously intrinsic to this and as a result, a wide variety of original dwelling houses, farmhouses, mills and workshops have been reconstructed in the museum park. As far as possible these have been placed in the appropriate settings and equipped with the relevant furniture utensils and tools. All in all, over 75 buildings have been brought and rebuilt within the museum grounds in the years since its foundation. The collection was originally intended to emphasize the life and work of country folk: farmers, shepherds, fishermen and craftsmen. Nowadays, however, the concept of folk-life is interpreted much more widely and the museum devotes considerable attention to town dwellers and working men. Industry and technology have also been included, coming under the heading of 'industrial archaeology.'

### Enjoying education

The reconstruction and installation of buildings is not the only means by which the Open Air Museum evokes the

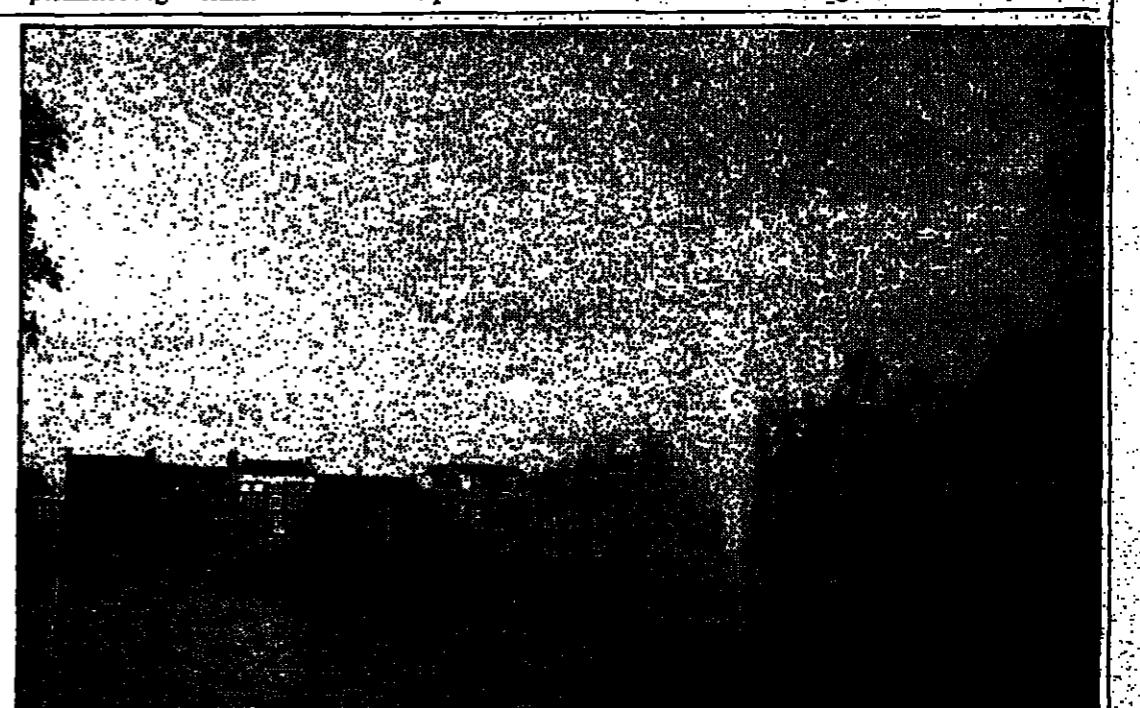
## The Hague: well worth a visit

IT is easy to make the mistake of thinking that The Hague is the capital of the Netherlands: it is the seat of government, host to over 60 foreign embassies and home of the International Court of Justice. Queen Beatrix chose to live in The Hague following her inauguration, and she receives ambassadors and visiting heads of state in the magnificent Noordeinde palace. There is indeed a certain majesty about The Hague and it has even been called the 'aristocrat' of Dutch cities. Wide, tree-lined avenues, spacious boulevards and parks all contribute to a royal grandeur.

There is a timeless quality about the way the elegant buildings around the Binnenhof are reflected in the broad stretches of the 'Hofvijver.' Right in the heart of this historic group of buildings is the Ridderzaal (Knights Hall), dating from the 13th century and distinguished by its tapestried furnishings and stained glass windows.

Nearby is the Mauritshuis museum, where the finest of Rembrandt's self-portraits can be seen, in addition to many other masterpieces.

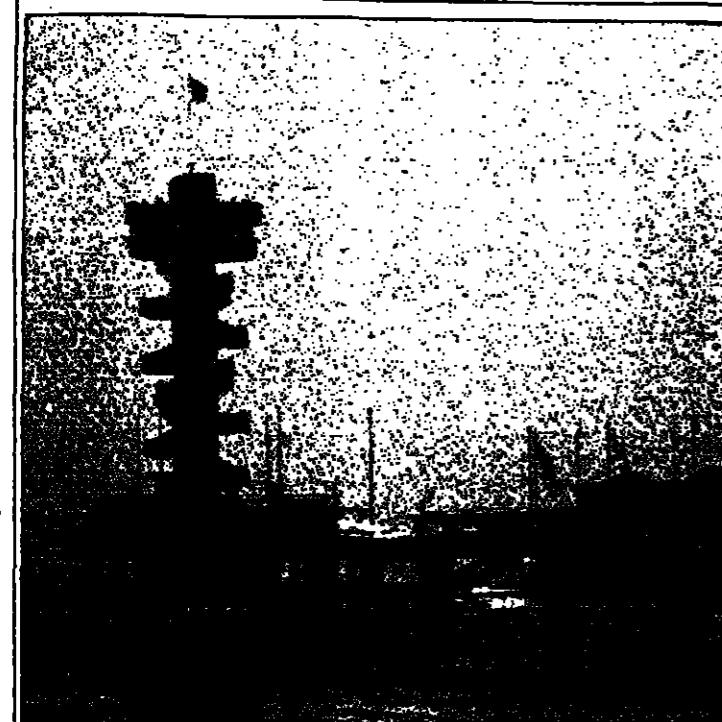
The Hague invites discovery with its charming little oriental shops, pedestrian precincts crowded with boutiques, and the antique market at the Lange Voorhout. It is a vital, cosmopolitan city with some of the most interesting attractions in Holland.



The Hague is an elegant, spacious city with a lively centre full of beautiful shops and pedestrian areas.

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## Ideal gateway to European markets

THE Netherlands, situated at the gateway to Europe, is ideal for penetrating markets within the Common market (EEC) as well as throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

This is demonstrated by the fact that more than 3,500 foreign companies have established an operation here. Of these foreign companies in the Netherlands, 1,100 are American; 800 German; 650, British; 200, Swedish; 160, Japanese; 150, French; 110 Swiss; and 330 are from other countries.

The Netherlands, which is 115 km (72 miles) from east to west and 290 km (180 miles) from north to south is slightly larger than the state of Maryland in the United States or the island of Kyushu in Japan.

With a population of 14.6 million in an area encompassing 41,500 sq.km (16,000 sq. miles), the Netherlands has the distinction of being the most densely populated country in Europe. Amsterdam, the largest city and capital, is the financial and cultural centre. The Hague is the seat of government, and Rotterdam is home to the world's largest port.

Such commercial and industrial centres like London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt and Hamburg, in addition to the Ruhr Valley, are within a day's surface travel from Amsterdam. In all, approximately 160 million people live within a radius of 500 km (310 miles) of Amsterdam, which makes this area almost three times as densely populated as the metropolitan areas of Tokyo or New York.

In order for a business to be successful, it must meet the needs of its customers. The Netherlands as a country knows this very well, and over the years the Dutch have learned to meet the needs of international business that wants to begin or expand an operation in the Netherlands. Known for centuries as a nation of traders, the Dutch naturally think internationally.

They realise what it means to solve problems, to remain flexi-

ble, to respond quickly to a changing market and to work closely with international businesses by offering, for example, a computerised logistics network, financial arrangements and investment incentives.

The Dutch government realises the importance of working with private business and maintaining a policy of competitiveness.

**Roads:** An interconnected system of highways and secondary roads spans the major Western European countries, from Great Britain to Austria and from Scandinavia to Italy. The heaviest concentration is in the triangle containing the Netherlands, Belgium and the Rhine-Rur area of Germany, thinning out somewhat to the perimeters of Europe.

**Airports:** With one big all-purpose airport, Schiphol near Amsterdam, and a number of mainly regional airports such as Beek at Maastricht and Zestienhoven at Rotterdam, the Netherlands is well equipped to handle the distribution of air cargo to and from Europe, most often in combination with connecting trucking and express delivery services.

Schiphol Airport has become a major international staging-point supplying specialised distribution services on a freeport basis. Cargo handling and administration are highly computerised. More than 60 foreign companies have established themselves either in their own private bonded warehouses or in one of the central freeport buildings. Much of the airport's warehouse activity is concerned with the European-wide distribution of spare parts and electronic products.

Due to its advanced distribu-

cation and transport capabilities, Schiphol serves a region far beyond the Netherlands's national boundaries.

**Telecommunications:** Modern telecommunication is indispensable to present-day export. The Netherlands is in the forefront of modern technology, with excellent products and services offered by the Dutch PTT. The country has been a pioneer in telecommunications, with one of the world's first fully-automated, direct dial telephone systems, mobile telecommunication, high-speed telex, facsimile and data communication services. The PTT is actively stimulating, coordinating and guiding developments such as teleports and an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), which will provide a standard interface to allow integrated international telecommunications services to users of both public and private networks.

Recently, regional digital agglomeration network have been established with the installation of large-scale fibre optics systems in Amsterdam.

Rotterdam and The Hague. These digital networks offer high capacity, wide-band facilities that give direct access to the national telecommunications infrastructure and the PTT Multisat satellite system.

The attitude of the Dutch government towards trade is liberal and non-discriminatory. As the Netherlands is a member of the EEC, the regulations of the EEC are followed with regard to trade treaties, preferences, import regulations, customs duties, import quotas, rules of origin, etc. Unlike other EEC members, however, the Netherlands uses all possibilities available under the EEC rules to the fullest extent in order to facilitate trade. An attractive benefit in the Netherlands, which no other European country offers, is that a company official can discuss his organisation's particular tax situation with a Dutch tax inspector before the company begins operating in the country. As a result, the official will have a very accurate idea of his company's tax arrangement prior to the first transaction.

Unlike other countries that designate certain areas, such as ports or airports, as "free zones" the Netherlands allows businesses to establish a bonded warehouse anywhere in the country. Provided the business complies with certain prescribed guidelines, activities can be carried out 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, without any physical customs control. In addition, goods in bond can be stored, transferred, repacked, and re-exported. Goods may even undergo handling such as marking, examining, testing, repairing and being considered.

For many foreign companies the Netherlands proves to be an efficient entrance to the European market. During the past decades over more than 3,500 companies from many different countries have established an operation in the Dutch Delta. In several cases the foreign plants and offices in the Netherlands function as a base for European activities.



Rotterdam harbour: home of the world's largest port



Today's tulips are the descendants of the less flamboyant ones of the past.

Say 'Holland' and somebody will inevitably come back with 'tulip', for the two have become irrevocably linked in popular mythology. Today the Dutch and tulips have a largely commercial relationship, with some 5,000 tulip growers and 700 bulb exporters virtually monopolising the world market. But things were once very different. In the 1630s, a curious obsession with tulips swept across Holland, sending the Dutch into an uncharacteristic frenzy of crime and speculation.

FEW know that the start of the highly lucrative Dutch tulip industry dates back to a handful of onions with a peculiar taste which arrived in Holland at the end of the 16th century from the mountains of Central Asia.

The name itself is said to be a derivation of the Turkish word 'duban' — the colourful head-dress once worn at the courts of the sultans during the heyday of the mighty Ottoman empire. The Austrian diplomat, Ogier Ghishain de Busbecq, who travelled widely in Turkey, witnessed the high esteem in which the Turkish rulers held their 'tulipam' (as he spelled it).

He also remarked upon how the woman of the royal harem gathered every year in a tulip-filled courtyard to await selection by the sultan. In the same period, the Dutch scholar Carolus Clusius (1526-1609) was serving at the court of Emperor Maximilian II in Vienna, and it seems that Busbecq brought him a selection of tulip bulbs and seeds from Turkey, which Clusius then took back to the University of Leiden on his return home.

According to tradition, Clusius refused to part with any of his precious bulbs except for scientific purposes, and this so aroused the curiosity of his countrymen that in the dead of night envious gardeners took to breaking into the University's Botanical Gardens to steal samples of the mysterious plant. Within a few years, tulips had spread beyond Leiden's city walls, and in no time at all the flower was flourishing throughout Holland.

**Crazy about tulips**  
To say that tulips 'caught on' in Holland is an understatement. The Dutch went quite literally wild about them. Everybody, rich and poor

produce a new bloom of different colours and bizarre patterns. These 'broken offspring' became collectors' items — one bulb of a tulip known as Semper Augustus was actually sold for the equivalent of \$4,600.

In a commodities market gone berserk, speculators bought and sold bulbs that had never even left the ground: businesses, homes, jewels, even a workman's tools, were mortgaged or sold to buy bulbs. And some fortunes were indeed made — until the fateful day when there were more sellers than buyers and the market crashed. The government stepped in to stop further speculation and to restore much needed law and order, leaving the tulip trade in the hands of serious growers and gardeners.

Three centuries later, it is sad to think that tulipomania was in fact caused by a viral disease which changes the chromosome composition in the flower cells. This virus is carried by aphids and can spread quickly through a field if the sick plants are not removed and destroyed. After several years, the diseased tulips eventually weaken and die. Today's tulips are the descendants of the less flamboyant, but healthier plants that were preserved and propagated by serious gardeners, either unable to afford, or uninterested in, the more spectacular varieties.

One of the oldest tulips still produced in any great quantity, the Keizerskroon (King's crown), dates from 1750. The five hundred commercially grown cultivated species, or cultivars, now on the market are chiefly the result of hybridization in this century — the wild mutations that were produced in the days of tulipomania have long since faded into oblivion.

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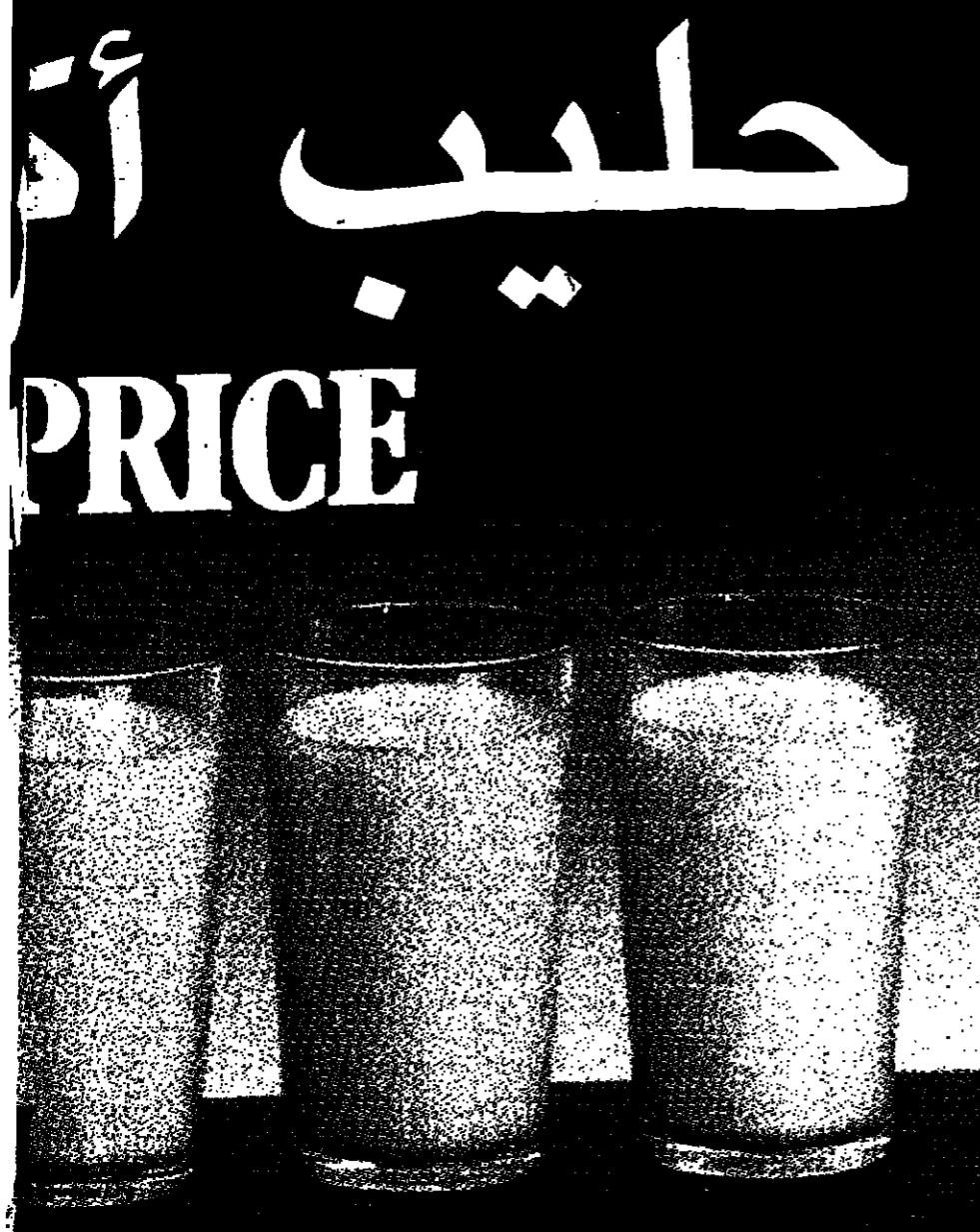
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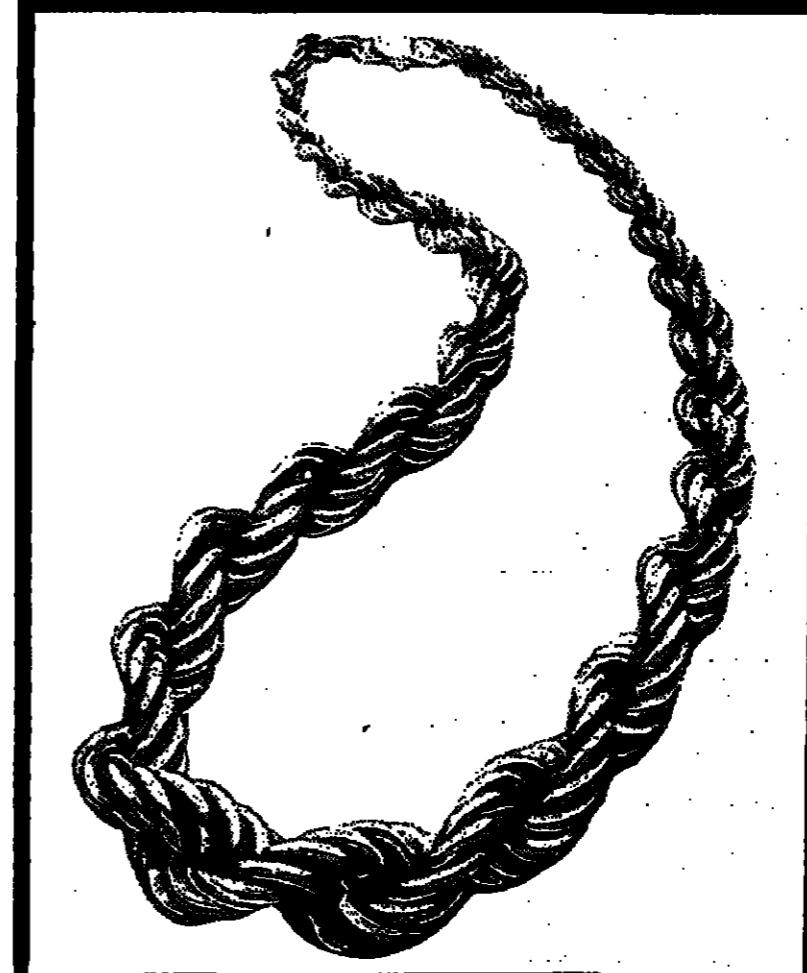


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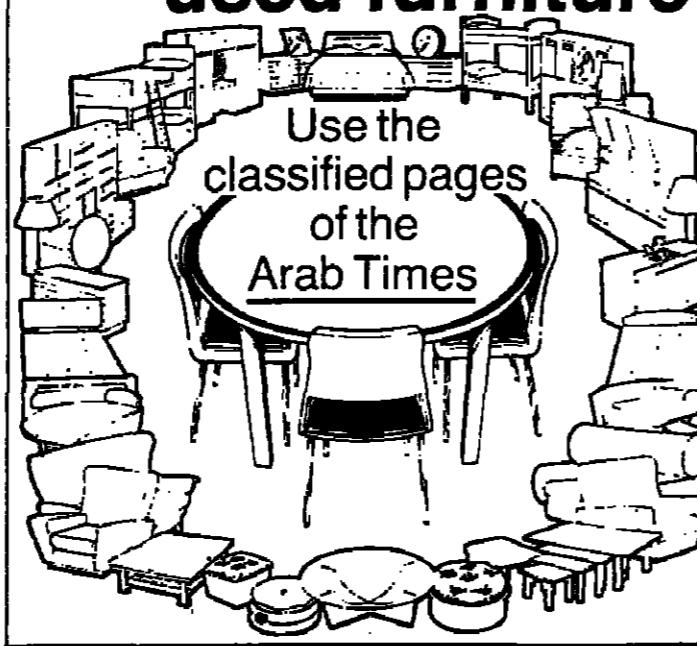


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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

No reason for oil exporters to reduce their quota any further, says Sheikh Ali

## Opec ministers fail to reach agreement on cuts

VIENNA, Austria, April 29, (AP): Opec oil ministers failed in an initial round of talks yesterday to reach agreement on proposed oil-export cuts organisation leaders said.

After a nearly four-hour session that ended early today, the 13 ministers said they would resume their closed-door deliberations this evening.

Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the ministers had discussed the export-cutting plan "in general terms, but nothing specific was decided."

Earlier this week, after meeting a six-nation Opec panel, six non-Opec producers said they were willing to cut exports by five per cent if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries reciprocated.

Conference sources said the Opec countries were divided on their reaction.

**Cut**

The smaller producers were generally in favour of Opec offering a similar cut.

But others thought five per cent of Opec's total output of around 18 million barrels a day would be too much. They feared this would send prices surging, causing the kind of over-production which eventually led to a price crash from over 30 to under \$9 a barrel between late 1985 and

mid 1986.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, has shown reluctance to make any cuts in its output and King Fahd said in a newspaper interview yesterday that Opec should merely honour its individual production quotas while the non-Opec states made actual cutbacks.

### Behaviour

But Venezuela's Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti dismissed such a possibility. "We know some countries have been cheating for years," he told reporters. "And I don't expect they will easily change their behaviour."

Independent assessments of Opec output have consistently shown both Kuwait and the UAE to be producing above their quotas.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said he saw no reason for Opec to cut its quota calling any further, noting that the organisation has in past years reduced its output from over 30 million to 17 million barrels a day. He called the non-Opec appeal for further cuts "a bit much."

After rallying strongly over the past two weeks on the prospect of an agreement, the price of the widely-traded North Sea Brent crude oil, which was heading towards \$18 a barrel at the start of the week, fell to below



Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa gestures before the start of the Opec oil ministers meeting in Vienna on Thursday. Sheikh Ali said he saw no reason for Opec to cut its quota calling any further, noting that the organisation has in past years reduced its output from over 30 million to 17 million barrels a day.

\$17 on Thursday.

Traders were growing sceptical about the prospect of Opec making a sacrifice big enough to satisfy the non-Opec states. The full Opec meeting is currently only consultative but has the power to turn itself into an extraordinary meeting which

could ratify any agreed output cuts.

Lukman said there was no time scale for the talks. "We'll take as long as it takes," he said.

Delegates said the pattern of late-night meetings would continue, to accommodate the Muslim holy month of Ramadan

which requires daytime fasting. Ministers of the organisation and the non-Opec states emerged from talks expressing satisfaction and saying a joint statement would be made.

A Kuwaiti official, who declined to be identified, said there was agreement to cut output but gave no details.

"I am smiling," said Opec's Minister of Oil and Energy of Indonesia when asked about the Opec/non-Opec cooperation.

Non-Opec Oman's Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al-Shanfari of Oman said: "I am satisfied."

Ministers facing a barrage of questions as they entered the Opec secretariat, gave differing views about the likely outcome.

### Talks

A non-OPEC minister who asked not to be named said the talks would be "awkward and difficult" while one from the Gulf area, from where much of Opec's subterranean wealth is pumped, said: "Why should we?" when asked if Opec would cut output.

But Algeria's Belkacem Nabi, normally a hardliner on price and production, said the offer by six non-Opec states to cut their exports by five per cent in May and June if Opec made a similar cut was "a positive proposal."

Saudi Minister Hisham Nazer would not comment on the issue.

Cooperation between Opec and non-Opec oil producing developing countries within a "framework of practical arrangements" can bring about stability to the oil market, according to Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita.

In an interview with Opec today, he expressed confidence that given Opec/non-Opec cooperation, the desired stability would be achieved even without cooperation from consuming countries.

"This is not a threat," he stressed, "but simply an effort to refute those who are saying that parleys between Opec and Non-Opec oil producing countries will not be successful."

The minister was commenting on a statement by US Energy Secretary John Herrington who during his recent tour of Southeast Asian countries said that the Opec/non-Opec meeting which ended on a positive note Wednesday, was "doomed to failure."

The minister said what was called the "marginal barrel" was in the hands of Opec and non-Opec oil producing countries of the developing world.

He added that the developing world held the potential for the development of the world's future oil supplies, as reserves in the industrialised countries were depleting.

## World Business Summary

### More are employed in Soviet consumer sector

MOSCOW, April 29, (Reuter): Soviet economic reforms have brought a marked increase in numbers employed in cooperatives running enterprises from restaurants to beauty salons, official figures showed on Monday. A report on the economy in the government newspaper Izvestia said the number of people working in cooperatives had shot up from 15,000 in the first quarter of 1987 to 200,000 now. A total of 400,000 were now employed in "individual labour activities," or limited private enterprise ventures allowed by Kremlin reforms, although the report did not say if that total included those employed by cooperatives. The figures also showed that industrial output in the first three months of 1988 grew by five per cent compared with the first quarter of last year, or 0.5 per cent more than planned.

But output of many consumer goods and basic foodstuffs was below target, Izvestia said. Demand for clothing, shoes, potatoes, meat and dairy products was not met. Izvestia said 400,000 workers had transferred from jobs in industry, construction and transport to other branches of the economy, especially the service area. But some ministries were not giving enough help to those employed in the new enterprises and cooperatives, failing to supply them with the materials they need. "A lot of officials were inadequately prepared for the new conditions," it said. The report also said that, in the important machine-building sector, a priority in Kremlin plans for economic renewal, 33 per cent of enterprises failed to meet targets at a cost of 286 million roubles (\$484 million) in undelivered products.

### Carter favours gasoline tax

NEW YORK, April 29, (Reuter): Former President Jimmy Carter said on Wednesday he favours increased taxation of petrol to ensure the United States becomes less dependent on Opec countries for its oil supply. Interviewed on the nightly business report, a public television news show, Carter said more and more oil was being imported and less was being produced in the United States. "We must take steps to ensure that we are not so dependent on Opec so that, if prices again skyrocket, our economy would be devastated and there would be worldwide inflation," he said.

Carter agreed that an oil import tax was one possible step to take. "Another is to have an increased tax on gasoline (petrol)," he said. "We'll have to have some increase in revenues ... and this would be a discouragement on the part of Americans to waste so much energy."

As for the coming US election, Carter said it was too early to choose between the two Democratic candidates, Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson. However, he believed either one would do a better job than Vice President George Bush.

"(He) Bush has basically promised to continue Reaganomics... which he had formerly called 'voodoo economics,'" Carter said. "Something has to be done to cut down on the enormous budget deficit we have been experiencing and something has to be done to change our adverse trade balance."

### GATT ends China readmission talks

GENEVA, April 29, (Reuter): The world trade body GATT on Thursday concluded a special three-day meeting on China's application for readmission to the 96-nation group and will hold further talks on the subject in June, delegates said. China was a founding member of the GATT in 1948, but quit two years later after the present Communist administration ousted the nationalists from power. Peking applied in July 1986 to resume its seat as a developing country member.

Another session of the China working party of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was scheduled for June.

Shen Juera, vice-minister of Foreign Economic Relations, led a 30-strong delegation here from Beijing which answered 300 questions on China's economic and trade policies. A Chinese official at the closed-door talks told Reuters: "China's delegation presented a lot of material which will be hard to digest. It was almost a one-sided session with our description of our own trade system and whole economic system. Only after collecting this information can the other GATT member states think about policy decisions," he added. Delegates reported the private discussions this week were highly technical, covering China's tariffs and internal taxes. They said there were no policy statements by Western members.

### Court turns down appeal against tin council

LONDON, April 29, (AP): The court of appeal on Wednesday turned down appeals by 17 creditors to force the International Tin Council to repay an estimated £500 million (\$935 million) of debts incurred when the body collapsed in 1985.

The judgement was the latest stage in a long battle by the council's creditors to prove that the 22 member states of the council — which include the major tin producers, most of the European Economic Community and Japan — are liable for the council's debts.

The council collapsed in October 1985 after running up huge debts in its attempts to support the tin price despite expanding production and falling demand.

**Contract**

The consequences of the council's demise are still hanging over the metals markets, with the London Metal Exchange's tin contract still suspended indefinitely. Sharply lower tin prices have put many producers out of business.

The six banks making claims against the council include the Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale Plc and Hambros Plc. Eleven Metals Brokers, all members of the London Metal Exchange, were led in their court filing by J.H. Raynes Ltd.

Dismissing the creditors' five appeals, which all centered on the precise legal status of the council, the court upheld the decisions of two lower court judges that the council has a distinct legal personality, separate from its members, and is alone responsible for its debts.

However, in an unusual move, Lord Justice Michael Kerr, one of three presiding judges, said in the judgement that the council's resistance to all attempts by its creditors to regain their losses was "unbecoming to an international organisation, to those who constitute it, to those who are responsible for its actions and to those who advise it."

### EEC urged to impose tougher sanctions on South Africa

LUXEMBOURG, April 29, (Reuter): Developing countries urged the European Economic Community on Tuesday to impose tougher economic sanctions against South Africa, saying the bloc had the power to satisfy the world's demand for an end to apartheid.

The call came at a special meeting between a delegation from the 66-nation African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group, which is linked to the community by the Lome trade and aid convention, and foreign ministers from three of the 12 EEC member states.

"The community and its member states have at their disposal all the means capable of forcing South Africa to make the changes which the whole world is waiting for," said Almoustaafa Soumaila, the Planning Minister of Niger and current President of the ACP.

### Higher

"We ask you to make use of them, for the price to be paid will be higher than we can imagine if you delay. Time is not in favour of peaceful change," he added.

A copy of Soumaila's speech was made available to reporters. He said the sanctions adopted by the EEC in 1986 — a ban on some imports of iron and steel and gold coins from South Africa and a voluntary ban on new EEC investment there — needed to be enforced more strictly.

### Aid

EEC Development Commissioner Lorenzo Natali stressed the aid given by the community to victims of the apartheid system of racial segregation and said EEC aid to black states in southern Africa would also be increased.

He added that the community was doing everything in its power to prevent South Africa from passing a proposed law which would effectively ban foreign funding for anti-apartheid groups.

Diplomats said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany, the EEC's current chairman, did not reply directly to the call for more sanctions, which is opposed chiefly by his own government, Britain and Portugal among EEC states.

But he said the meeting would send a political signal to Pretoria.

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### Capital

Of the total amount issued during April-September 1987, 25.1 per cent was underwritten by financial institutions and other underwriters. The amount underwritten during the corresponding period of 1986 was 44.7 per cent of the total amount issued.

The annual report notes that as of December 31, 1987, there were 1,50,620 companies listed by shares with an aggregate paid-

### New aid package for Tunisia

BONN, April 29, (Reuter): West Germany will give Tunisia cheap loans and grants totalling 57.5 million marks (\$34.4 million) in 1988 to help the North African state implement agricultural reform and improve its drinking water, the development aid ministry said yesterday.

The community was represented at the meeting by the so-called Troika of West Germany, Denmark and Greece — the current, past and future holders of its rotating presidency.

It said in a statement that following talks in Tunis, Bonn had agreed to make available 45 million marks (\$26.9 million) in low-interest credits and 12.5 million marks (\$7.5 million) in grants.

Exports to Europe totalled 1.63 million cars, down 0.7 per cent over 1986; those to Southeast Asia up 10 per cent to 477,780 cars and those to the Middle East up 28.7 per cent to 221,890, he said.

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while the balance Rs 579 crores was earmarked for firm allotment to promoters, directors and others. As much as 32.9 per cent of the total amount issued and 60.6 per cent of the amount offered to the public was underwritten.

In the first six months of 1987-88, Rs 108 crores, constituting 54.3 per cent of Rs 199 crores issued, was offered to the public against 52.6 per cent during the corresponding period of 1986.

The balance amount represented firm allotment to promoters, directors and others.

According to the annual report of the Department of Company Affairs for 1987-88, 385 companies had delivered their prospectuses to the Registrar of Companies for raising Rs 1,269 crores from the public during 1986-87.

Of this, Rs 690 crores or 54.4 per cent of the total amount issued was offered to public.

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## LONDON Trading Stocks

Prices at the time of going to Press

NAME	LAST	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW	CHG.	PERC.
ABBEY LFE	282/0	280/0	281/0	281/0	280/0	-1/0	-0.3%
ADT LTD	116.0	115.0	116.0	116.0	115.0	-1.0	-0.9%
ALD LYONS	415.0	414.0	415.0	415.0	414.0	-1.0	-0.2%
AMSTRAD	158/0	157/0	158/0	158/0	157/0	-1/0	-0.6%
ARGYL GP	194/0	193/0	194/0	194/0	193/0	-1/0	-0.5%
ASDA GP	162.0	161.0	162.0	162.0	161.0	-1.0	-0.6%
BAA PP	114.0	113.0	114.0	114.0	113.0	-1.0	-0.9%
BTR	57.00	56.00	57.00	57.00	56.00	-1.0	-1.8%
BAT INDS	414.0	413.0	414.0	414.0	413.0	-1.0	-0.2%
BARCLAYS	380.0	379.0	380.0	380.0	379.0	-1.0	-0.3%
BASS	848.0	847.0	848.0	848.0	847.0	-1.0	-0.1%
BEAVER	186.0	185.0	186.0	186.0	185.0	-1.0	-0.5%
BECCHEANS	477.0	476.0	477.0	477.0	476.0	-1.0	-0.2%
BERISFORD	293/0	292/0	293/0	293/0	292/0	-1/0	-0.3%
BICC PLC	317/0	316/0	317/0	317/0	316/0	-1/0	-0.3%
BLUE ARW	116.0	115.0	116.0	116.0	115.0	-1.0	-0.9%
BLUE CIRC	419.0	418.0	419.0	419.0	418.0	-1.0	-0.2%
BOC GP	70.62	70.50	70.62	70.62	70.50	-1.0	-1.4%
BOOTS CO	240/0	239/0	240/0	240/0	239/0	-1/0	-0.4%
BPI IND	278/0	277/0	278/0	278/0	277/0	-1/0	-0.3%
BR COMM	263.0	262.0	263.0	263.0	262.0	-1.0	-0.4%
BR AIRWAY	159.0	158.0	159.0	159.0	158.0	-1.0	-0.6%
BR AEROS	408/0	407/0	408/0	408/0	407/0	-1/0	-0.3%
BR GAS RG	172.0	171.0	172.0	172.0	171.0	-1.0	-0.6%
B.P.	270.5	270.0	270.5	270.5	270.0	-1.0	-0.4%
B.P. NEW	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	-1.0	-1.3%
BR TELCOM	247/0	246/0	247/0	247/0	246/0	-1/0	-0.4%
BRIT OIL	520/0	519/0	520/0	520/0	519/0	-1/0	-0.2%
BUNZL	135.0	134.0	135.0	135.0	134.0	-1.0	-0.7%
BURNHOL OL	560/0	559/0	560/0	560/0	559/0	-1.0	-0.2%
BURTON	243/0	242/0	243/0	243/0	242/0	-1.0	-0.4%
CABLESHIR	334/0	333/0	334/0	334/0	333/0	-1.0	-0.3%
CABURGS	353.0	352.0	353.0	353.0	352.0	-1.0	-0.3%
COATS VITY	238/0	237/0	238/0	238/0	237/0	-1.0	-0.4%
COMM UNI	335/0	334/0	335/0	335/0	334/0	-1.0	-0.3%
CONS GOLD	960.0	959.0	960.0	960.0	959.0	-1.0	-0.1%
COOKSONS	531.0	530.0	531.0	531.0	530.0	-1.0	-0.3%
COURTAULD	386/0	385/0	386/0	386/0	385/0	-1.0	-0.3%
DALGETY	293.0	292.0	293.0	293.0	292.0	-1.0	-0.3%
DEE CP	186/0	185/0	186/0	186/0	185/0	-1.0	-0.5%
DIXON S	180.0	179.0	180.0	180.0	179.0	-1.0	-0.6%
ENG CHINA	427.0	426.0	427.0	427.0	426.0	-1.0	-0.2%
ENTER OIL	393/0	392/0	393/0	393/0	392/0	-1.0	-0.3%
FKI BABCO	122.0	121.0	122.0	122.0	121.0	-1.0	-0.8%
FERRANTI	85.50	85.00	85.50	85.50	85.00	-1.0	-0.6%
GEN ACCIO	905/0	904/0	905/0	905/0	904/0	-1.0	-0.1%
GEN ELECT	149/0	148/0	149/0	149/0	148/0	-1.0	-0.6%
GLAXO	932/0	931/0	932/0	932/0	931/0	-1.0	-0.3%
GRANADA	326/0	325/0	326/0	326/0	325/0	-1.0	-0.3%
GLOBE	135.0	134.0	135.0	135.0	134.0	-1.0	-0.7%
GLYNNED	459/4	458/4	459/4	459/4	458/4	-1.0	-0.2%
GRAND MET	489/0	488/0	489/0	489/0	488/0	-1.0	-0.2%
GUARD RYL	901/0	900/0	901/0	901/0	900/0	-1.0	-0.1%
GKN	310.0	309.0	310.0	310.0	309.0	-1.0	-0.3%
GUINNESS	316.0	315.0	316.0	316.0	315.0	-1.0	-0.3%
HAMMERSA	568/0	567/0	568/0	568/0	567/0	-1.0	-0.2%
HANSON	126/0	125/0	126/0	126/0	125/0	-1.0	-0.8%
HAWK SID	515.0	514.0	515.0	515.0	514.0	-1.0	-0.2%
HILLSDOM	275.0	274.0	275.0	275.0	274.0	-1.0	-0.4%
ICI	980/0	979/0	980/0	980/0	979/0	-1.0	-0.1%
SCOT-NEW	276.0	275.0	276.0	276.0	275.0	-1.0	-0.4%
SEARS	133.0	132.0	133.0	133.0	132.0	-1.0	-0.7%
SEGEWICK	221.0	220.0	221.0	221.0	220.0	-1.0	-0.5%
SHELL	663/0	662/0	663/0	663/0	662/0	-1.0	-0.2%
SNIFF	653/0	652/0	653/0	653/0	652/0	-1.0	-0.2%
SOUTHERN	928.28	927.14	928.28	928.28	927.14	-1.0	-0.1%
FT GOV SEC	89.30	89.30	90.00	90.00	89.30	-1.0	-1.1%
FT GOLD MN	211.1	211.1	209.4	209.4	211.1	-1.0	-0.5%
FT MINES F	462.85	462.85	463.55	463.55	462.85	-1.0	-0.2%
FT OIL	1849.1	1849.1	1849.1	1849.1	1849.1	-1.0	-0.1%
FT WLD DLR	130.17	129.68	129.98	129.98	130.17	-1.0	-0.4%
FT WLD STG	102.96	102.43	102.78	102.78	102.96	-1.0	-0.5%
FT WLD LOC	113.42	113.55	113.42	113.55	113.42	-1.0	-0.3%
WITBROD	308.0	307.0	308.0	308.0	307.0	-1.0	-0.3%
WILLIAMS	300.0	299.0	300.0	300.0	299.0	-1.0	-0.3%
WINTHORPE	168.0	167.0	168.0	168.0	167.0	-1.0	-0.6%
BR ASSETS	65/2	65/2	65/2	65/2	65/2	-1.0	-0.6%
BR DREDGI	130/0	129/0	130/0	130/0	129/0	-1.0	-0.7%
BR LAND	304/0	304/0	304/0	304/0	304/0	-1.0	-0.3%

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1440.6	1444.7	1448.9	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	1023.1	1023.1	1023.1	984.4
FT ALL SHR	928.28	28.28	929.14	896.75
FT GOV SEC	89.30	89.30	90.00	91.03
FT GOLD MN	211.1	211.1	209.4	237.3
FT MINES F	462.85	462.85	468.55	432.96
FT OIL	1849.1	1849.1	1849.1	1768.7
FT WLD DLR	130.17	129.68	129.98	128.44
FT WLD STG	102.96	102.43	102.78	101.83
FT WLD LOC	113.42	113.55	113.42	112.29

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES RALLY ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEWS  
 LONDON, APRIL 29, REUTER - U.K. SHARES PRICES JUMPED IN INITIAL REACTION TO NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.K. TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP IN MARCH, ALTHOUGH THE RALLY WAS SLOWED BY NERVOUS PROFIT-TAKING, DEALERS SAID.  
 THE FTSE 100 INDEX AT 1036 GMT WAS UP 4.8 POINTS AT 1,809.2 AFTER STANDING 2

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

Washington—The Farm Credit System will probably issue a bond for about 500 mln dls before the end of June to assist ailing system banks, Senator Richard Lugar told the Commodity Club of Washington. (RTWC 1808)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	7-5/16 3/16	8-1/16 8-	8-1/3 3/8
FPT	3.25/30	3.40/50	3.50/55
PAR	7-5/8 3/4	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR	1-3/8 1-5/8	1-3/4 2	2 2-1/4
BRI	4.40	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
KIN	9-3/4 10-1/4	9-5/8 10-1/8	10-1/4 10-3/4
ANS	3-7/8 4-0/0	4-0/0 4-1/8	4-0/0 4-1/8
TOK	3.4375 5000	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU	5.81 5.93	6.06 6.18	6.31 6.43

## Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	5 13/16	6 1/4
	3 months	5 3/4	6 3/16
	6 months	5 5/8	6
	1 year	5 9/16	6

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68.50	68	69	MICO	505	510	510	
ACC	156	155	155	GRASIM	90.50	91	90.50	NOCIL	466	455	446
ASTA PAINT	146.25	145	145	GSC	105	105	103	OKRAY	24	23	24
BAJAJ AUTO	212.50	207.50	210	HIND LEVER	74.50	75	75.50	PEICO	33.50	33	33.50
BALRAYON	210	212.50	210	HINDALCO	75.50	76	76	PFIZER	57	58	60
BON.DYING	127	127	129	HINDRAYON	77.50	77.50	80	PRE.AUTO	28	27.75	29
BR. BOND	94.50	94	93	HINDRAYON	17.25	17.25	16.75	RAYMOND	46.50	45	45
BSE INDEX	467.09	474.41	IND ORG	20.50	20	20.50	RELIANCE	118	115	116.50	124
CENTURYSPL	833.75	830	827.50	HINDRAYON	52.50	57.25	58	SIEMENS	67	64	66
COLGATE	174	176	174	INDROL	148.75	158.75	162.50	SPIC	34.75	34.50	34.25
DEEPAKERT	30	29	29.50	ITC	34.50	34	35	STDMILLS	230	232.50	232.50
ET.HOTEL	52	54	52	JCSYNT	55.50	54.50	54.50	TATA PUR	260	255	260
ESKAYEF	162.50	162.50	17	L AND T	87.50	88	87	TATACHEM	64	64	64.25
ESSAR	17.50	17.25	160	MAHINDRA	56	56	57.50	TELCO	487.50	482.50	482.50
GAR. POLY	77	76.50	77	MASTERSHR	10.25	10	10.12	TISCO	713.75	710	710
GE.SHIP	27.75	27.75	29.25	MATHER PL	70	70	74	VOLTAS	275	275	277.50

## KUWAIT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE									
AEG	204.7	203.5								
ALLIANZ VR	1325.0	1319.0								
BADEMERK	178.5	178.5								
BASF	242.2	242.6								
BAYER	266.2	266.0								
BAYER HYP	340.0	338.0								
BAYER VER	338.0	337.0								
BBC	322.0	321.0								
BHF	373.0	382.0								
BHM	511.0	508.0								
CHENITE-VER	0	120.0								
COMMERZBZ	226.0	228.0								
CONTI GUIN	245.8	247.1								
DAIMER BEN	611.0	609.0								
DEUTSC BNK	410.0	411.0								
DLW	361.0	367.9								
DRESSNER &	242.0	240.5								
DT BABCOCK	146.9	157.2								
FAZ INDEX	447.07	449.21								
GOLDSCHMID	254.0	253.0								
GUTEHOFF	0	0								
HARPER	406.0	408.0								
HOECHST AG	254.2	252.0								
HOECH	123.0	123.5								
HORTEN	184.0	188.0								
HUSSEL-HLD	463.0	468.0								
KALI SALZ	133.0	135.0								
KARSTADT	453.0	457.0								
KAUFHOF	404.0	413.4								
KLOECK H	105.0	102.5								
KLOECK M	90.00	90.10								
LINDE	640.0	623.0								
LUETHANSA	149.5	149.2								
MAN	174.3	175.2								
MANNESMAN	135.9	136.8								
MERCEDES	489.0	484.0								
METALLGES	271.8	269.0								
NIKORDR PF	507.5	507.8								
NORK BYD	55.20	57.30								
PHILIP KDN	582.0	585.0								
PORSCHE	529.0	530.0								
PREUSSAG	163.0	163.0								
PHW	205.9	207.5								
RHEIN	202.5	203.3								
RHEIN P	193.0	193.0								
RHEINMETAL	282.0	280.0								
SAALAMANDER	246.0	249.0								
SCHERING	451.0	453.2								
SEL	289.0	293.2								
SIEMENS	341.0	340.1								
THYSEN	132.7	131.7								
VARTA	258.0	263.0								
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## BUSINESS

Partners in Europe and Asia denounce proposals

# Reagan seeks new trade bill

WASHINGTON, April 29. (Reuters): The White House told Congress yesterday it wants a new trade bill to replace one passed by lawmakers that President Reagan will veto because he disagrees with some provisions.

But Democratic leaders in the Senate, which approved the giant bill by a 63-36 vote on Wednesday, said Reagan "should know better" than to expect quick action on an alternative when it took three years for Congress to pass a trade bill.

"There can't be any quick turnaround on this bill," Senate majority leader Robert Byrd said. He said there was too little time to pass a new bill this year because amendments would be offered if Congress tries to strip out provisions the Reagan administration does not want.

Guilty

"The White House doesn't want a trade bill," Byrd charged. The bill would force the president to retaliate against a country found guilty of "numerous and pervasive" unfair trade barriers against US competitors. The type of punishment would be chosen by the president.

The Reagan administration supports many provisions in the 1,100-page trade bill, but singled

out one requiring advance notice of major plant closings and layoffs as a reason for vetoing the whole bill.

Though Byrd clung to a faint hope that Reagan might change his mind and sign the bill into law, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said he would not.

### Legislation

"The president will veto the bill," Fitzwater told reporters, adding Reagan wants a trade bill and would work with Congress to thrash out legislation "acceptable to us."

"We want to get another trade bill passed," he said. "We would like to turn around this veto as soon as possible."

The Senate vote fell short of the two-thirds majority — 67 out of 100 members — that would be needed to overturn a presidential veto and was far closer than the commanding 312-107 approving vote in the House a week earlier.

The trade bill will likely go to the White House about the middle of next week after which the president has 10 days to veto it or sign it into law.

With elections coming, the leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, Michael Dukakis, said in a letter to the president it was "a

sensible, carefully crafted bill and will enhance our competitiveness ... without erecting artificial trade barriers that could harm American workers and threaten a trade war."

US trade partners in Europe and Asia denounced the trade proposals approved by Congress and vowed to resist if they became law.

Securities dealers — The massive trade bill that Congress wants to force through over President Reagan's veto contains the following key provisions:

Retaliation — The Reagan administration, under the US trade representative, would be forced to investigate countries with "numerous and pervasive" unfair trade barriers against US competitors. The type of retaliation would be decided by the president.

Sanctions — Three-year sanctions would be imposed against Japan's Toshiba Corp and Kongsberg Vaapenfabrikk of Norway for selling high technology to the Pentagon claims helped the Soviet Union build better submarines. The ban applies to sales to the US government. Toshiba Machine Co would be forbidden to sell any goods in the United States for three years.

Foreign bribes — Would ease

the foreign corrupt practices act by limiting criminal and civil liability of corporate officials to those who "know" a third party has made illegal payments to individuals to conduct business in a foreign country. Currently an official may be prosecuted if they know or have "reason to know" about such a payment.

Agriculture — In the event world farm trade talks bogged down, the president would have the authority to expand an export subsidy programme or implement a new programme so that US farmers could sell wheat, corn and soybeans at dramatically lower prices.

Worker retraining — Authorizes \$390 million for the retraining of workers who lose their jobs because of plant closings or new technology.

Negotiating authority — The president would be given authority to conduct multilateral trade negotiations under the "Uruguay round" of world trade talks now being conducted by members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Copyrights and patents — The president would be forced to take action against countries that do not honour US copyrights and patents, but could cite US national security for withholding a response. Generally, the bill also would make it easier for a US patent holder to recover damages resulting from foreign use of their patent.

Profits of US oil producers when the amount charged rises above a set base price. The tax currently is slated to be phased out by 1993.

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# Tandy's new compact disc seen as revolutionising industry

NEW YORK, April 29. (Reuters): Tandy's new erasable compact disc (CD), unveiled last week, could render most other ways of recording music, pictures and computer data obsolete, industry analysts say.

However, its success is not assured. Consumers will not be interested until there are new CD players that can record and erase, the analysts said.

The new disc, which Tandy calls 1 hour-CD, is the first CD that can be erased and reused in the same way as video and audio tape.

### System

That means it could be used in a stereo system that not only plays back pre-recorded music, but also records, erases and records like audio tape players.

Tandy's disc could also replace the video tape used in video cassette recorders and — because it is a digital technology — the floppy discs that store data in computers.

"Imagine what it could do for this," said a television cameraman as he panned the top of the camera he used to film the news conference at which Tandy introduced the Thor-CD.

The Tandy disc works like conventional CDs. The contents

Another obstacle could be raised by the music industry, which has already launched a campaign against Dats.

Like Dats, Tandy's disc can make crystal clear copies of pre-recorded CDs and Vinyl Albums, which record companies fear will cut deeply into their sales.

"If I were in the music industry, this would really concern me," said Ian Warhaftig, a market researcher with International Data Corporation of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Trish Heimers, a spokeswoman for the Record Industry Association of America, said the trade group would not comment on Tandy's product. But she said the group was "always concerned about technology that threatens to make copies of copyrighted material without just compensation to the artist."

**Project**

Tandy kept its erasable CD project under tight wraps and its announcement took nearly everyone by surprise, including other companies that had been racing to develop such a product.

Tandy's Thor-CD emerged from years of research at its technology centre in Santa Clara, California, which focuses on magnetic media.

# Ford reports record earnings

DETROIT, April 29. (AP): Ford Motor Co. earned \$1.623 billion in the first quarter of 1988, setting an industry record for earnings in a single quarter, the second-largest US automaker said yesterday.

Ford's earnings of \$3.31 a share on sales of \$20.74 billion were up 8.8 per cent over first-quarter 1987 earnings of 1.49 billion, or 2.87 a share, on sales of \$18.14 billion.

The previous quarterly earnings record was set by General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, with \$1.614 billion in profits in first-quarter 1984.

### Jumped

In 1987, Ford set an industry earnings record for a single year with a profit of \$4.63 billion. It was also the top-earning US automaker in 1986, earning 3.29 billion.

Ford profits earned in the

United States fell 10.2 per cent in the first quarter to 1.04 billion from \$1.16 billion in first-quarter 1987.

But the drop in US earnings was offset by record overseas earnings, which jumped nearly 76 per cent to \$580 million from \$330 million in the first three months of 1987, Ford said.

Industry analysts predicted Ford would continue to lead the industry in earnings throughout 1988, partly because it has boosted production schedules for the second half of the year.

**Performance**

Ford said its foreign performance was boosted in Europe by strong sales throughout the industry, improved profit margins and some changes in exchange rates.

In Latin America, the Autolatina joint venture Ford and Volkswagen formed in July 1987 helped earnings by reducing operating costs and cutting interest expenses and benefited from improvements in the Brazilian economy.

## Shell's first quarter profits rise

VIENNA, April 29. (Opecna): The Shell Oil Company reported yesterday that its first quarter earnings had risen dramatically to \$1.20 billion from 108 million in the same period last year.

The results included a one-time gain of \$900 million from the adoption of a new financial accounting standard relating to income tax.

Shell, which is a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch-Shell Group, said the results were the best since 1981.

Many oil companies have reported sharply improved first-quarter earnings, reflecting a continuing recovery since the oil price collapse of 1986 and a strong market for chemicals, but none of the major companies reported gains as great as Shell's.

### Increase

Most of the increase in the first-quarter results came in refining and petrochemical production, but other sectors of activity also improved, Shell said.

"We are encouraged by our first-quarter performance, particularly in oil and chemical products, and by the positive near-term outlook," Shell president John Bookout said.

Revenues for the period totalled \$5.10 billion, up 13.3 per cent from 4.5 billion in the same time-slot last year.

Shell said profits from oil and gas exploration and production were \$127 million for the quarter, up by 17 million from the 1987 period.

### Higher

Natural gas prices were four per cent higher in the 1988 quarter, but oil prices averaged \$13 a barrel, down from \$14.24 a barrel in the 1987 quarter, the company said.

But refining margins improved markedly, Shell said, and profit from oil products was \$130 million, up from eight million. Income from chemicals was 143 million, up from 40 million.

## UAE, Moscow hold talks on oil technology cooperation

ABU DHABI, April 29. (Opecna): Closer cooperation in oil technology between the UAE and the Soviet Union were explored in talks between the two countries.

An interview in a local paper here quoted the Soviet ambassador to UAE, Feliks Fedotov, as saying that an agreement was also being worked out to facilitate the sale of UAE oil and gas products to Soviet Union's neighbouring states.

### Proposals

The paper, "Khaleej Times" said the agreements being finalised contained proposals to introduce a new marketing system for the sale of oil and petroleum products for the benefit of both states.

Referring to the Soviet support for Opec in its endeavour to restore world oil market stability, he said detailed talks were being planned between the Soviet Union and Opec member states Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The ambassador said he expected oil and gas prices to shoot up at the end of this century as there was no viable alternative to oil.

## Sterling strengthens

# Dollar mixed and gold dips

LONDON, April 29. (AP): The US dollar turned in a mixed performance in Europe early today as traders awaited release of economic data from the United States.

Gold prices dipped below \$450 a troy ounce.

The dollar drifted within a narrow range in the first hours of European trading.

Late month commercial dealings kept the market moderately active. But many players staying to the sidelines prior to the release later today of the US index of leading economic indicators for March.

In London, the pound sterling jumped today, resuming a recent rally on news of better-than-expected British trade figures for March.

The pound climbed close to 3.15 West German marks, up from 3.1282 at Thursday's close, before easing. It touched 1.8865 dollars, after opening at 1.8740.

### Rise

Currency dealers said the Bank of England, Britain's central bank, intervened in the open market and sold pounds to break the rise — concerned that if sterling goes too high it will crimp exports and widen the trade gap again.

Today's figures showed that the visible trade deficit narrowed

to £854 million (\$1.6 billion) in March, after being £1.32 billion (\$2.47 billion) in February.

Shares also rallied on the London Stock Exchange, but some nervous investors later took profits. Initial positive reaction was tempered by concern at how a stronger pound might pinch exporters' dollar earnings.

At London's midday, 30 minutes after the trade figures were announced, the FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks was at 1,807 points, up just 2.6 on Thursday's close.

### Eased

By midday, the pound had eased to around 3.14 marks and 51.8875, up about one pfennig and one cent on the day.

The pound has found favour with international investors in recent weeks because of relatively high British interest rates and a booming domestic economy.

The government in early March apparently abandoned an effort to hold it below three marks.

The dollar was not affected by today's sterling gyrations and traded quietly in London at mid-session worth around 1.6680 marks and 1.1240 yen.

Other dollar rates in Europe at midmorning, compared with late Thursday:

French shares began the main session today with the bourse indicator down 0.34 per cent and most stocks in Frankfurt were lower in quiet trading.

North Sea oil traded for June delivery between \$16.89 and \$16.93 a barrel, about 50 cents below prices earlier this week.

Oil has eased as traders have become less confident than an Opec meeting in Vienna will agree on joint cuts in surplus production with several producers from outside the organisation.

Gold also gained support earlier in the week from fears of oil-led inflationary pressure.

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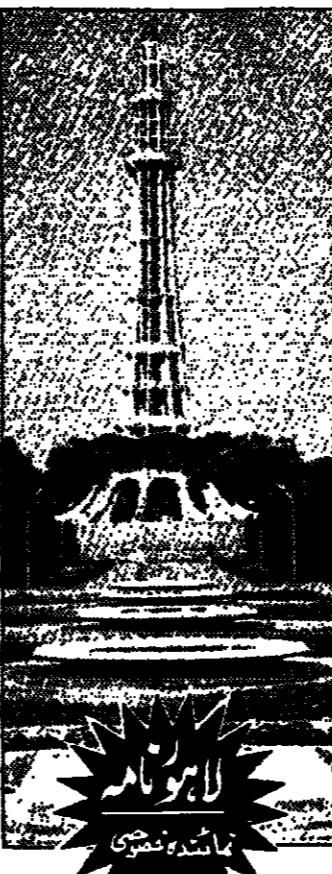
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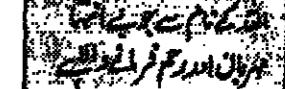
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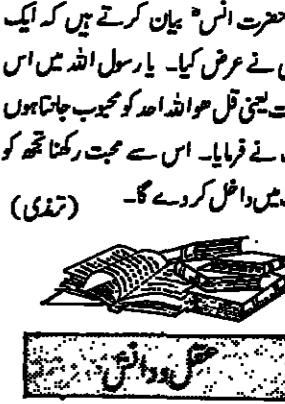
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## Millwall seek place in First Division

LONDON. April 29. (Reuter): The London docklands, where million-dollar riverside apartments have replaced redundant cranes and decaying warehouses, could soon be reverberating to the noise of First Division soccer fans.

While the young professionals, or yuppies, newcomers to London's East End may dread the thought of visits from Chelsea, Arsenal and West Ham United fans, Millwall Football Club have gone decidedly upwardly mobile.

Millwall, who will be seeking to consolidate their place at the top of division two when they meet visiting Stoke City tomorrow, were formed in 1885 and remain the only London club never to have played in the First Division.

But like the surrounding neighbourhood, Millwall are trying to throw off their tough image and there has been talk of a new super-stadium to replace their present headquarters in the quaintly-named cold blow lane.

Though their die-hard supporters would turn pale at the notion, the club may also seek more up-market name for any new stadium.

### Closed

Nicknamed The Lions, Millwall quite properly play at the Den, which has been closed on occasions by the football authorities because of the quite improper behaviour of the club's following, traditionally drawn from the nearby docks.

Two points clear of second-placed Aston Villa with a game in hand, Millwall are confident they can attain First Division status and greatly increase their attendances next season.

They have two of the brightest attractions in English football at present in twin-strikers Tony Casarino and Teddy Sheringham — 45 goals between them — and play a refreshingly attacking game.

Their long-term supporters are even less relishing the prospect of facing Liverpool in the Den, though how they will react if their favourite meat-pie stall is converted into a quiche parlour only time will tell.

At one stage earlier in the season, Aston Villa appeared near-certainities to regain their place in the top flight, but a run of disappointing home results have placed them in peril.

Villa have taken just 31 points from 21 home games compared to 43 points from the same number of away matches, allowing Bradford City, Blackburn Rovers, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace to enter the frame.

## NYSTROM OVERCOMES BERGSTROM

# Becker sails past Nijssen



Becker: had an easy time

## England and Spain held in friendlies

# W. Germans outlast Swiss

LONDON, April 29. (AP): West Germany, England, Spain and the Irish Republic all produced shut-out performances in the run-up to this summer's European Soccer Championships on Wednesday.

But all displayed worrying weaknesses, while Denmark, another of the eight finalists, tumbled to a 1-0 defeat in Austria.

West Germany, host and favorite to win the European tourney, scraped a 1-0 victory over Switzerland in Kaiserstautern, while England tied 0-0 with Hungary in Budapest and Spain was held by the same score by Scotland in Madrid.

### Best

Of the teams going to the finals, the Irish Republic produced the best result, a 2-0 triumph over Yugoslavia in Dublin. But neither goal was scored by a striker.

On a busy night of exhibition soccer action across Europe, Sweden crushed Wales 4-1 and Northern Ireland tied 0-0 with former European champion France.

A lone strike by Juergen Klinsmann from an inspired pass by Lothar Matthaeus provided West Germany's narrow victory over the Swiss despite long spells

of pressure by the home side.

Some 30,000 fans saw the Germans squander chances and yet display alarming lapses at the back. Although Swiss goalkeeper Joel Cornillon prevented a more decisive victory for the home side, West German coach Franz Beckenbauer admitted he had a few problems.

"We deserved to win. We had more chances. But we also showed some defensive weaknesses at the end," Beckenbauer said.

England was forced to field a makeshift defence against Hungary in the Nept stadium with an untried Second Division player, Kevin Moran, another Irish defender, headed the second at the near post.

An own goal also settled the match in Vienna, where Denmark's Klaus Berggreen rolled the ball past his own keeper, under pressure from the striker, he teams up with Italy, FC Torino's Toni Polster.

### Erratic

Only 5,000 fans turned up in Madrid's 90,000-capacity Bernabeu stadium to see Spain held by the erratic Scots. Michel hit the post for Spain ten minutes from time.

In Stockholm, two goals by Hans Holmqvist, and further strikes by Glenn Stromberg and Hans Eskilsson, swept aside the Welsh, who replied through Glyn Hodges.

The Swedes confirmed the form that won them the four-nation Easter tournament in Berlin, which also included soccer powerhouses Argentina, West Germany and the Soviet Union.

HAMBURG. West Germany, April 29. (Reuter): Top seed Boris Becker, more used to playing in milder climates, nonetheless mastered blustery and overcast conditions yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the West German Open men's tennis tournament.

The Monte-Carlo-based West German's task was not too difficult. His opponent was Dutchman Tom Nijssen, ranked 147th in the world, who had to undergo three rounds of qualifying competition to make it into the tournament proper.

### Wearing

Taking note of the often bitterly cold weather, Nijssen began the match still wearing a tracksuit. He soon warmed up, but not enough to trouble Becker, who won 6-2 6-4 in one hour 40 minutes.

Second seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden was equally clinical, dispatching West Germany's Torsten Meinecke 6-4 6-2.

But Carlsson's fourth-seeded compatriot Joakim Nyström struggled before overcoming fellow-Swede Christian Bergstrom 5-7 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 in two hours 38 minutes.

Fifth seed Henri Leconte, Nys-

trom's next opponent, also made history going a 7-5 2-6 7-6 (7-5) victory over Hansjoerg Schwader of West Germany.

Running around too much in an attempt to get warm, Frenchman Leconte pulled a muscle. In typically mercurial fashion, Leconte thereafter began playing better.

"I expected the match to be close. I was prepared to have a tough match today," Leconte said.

While the youngsters huffed and puffed their way seriously into the last eight, Argentine veteran Guillermo Vilas phlegmatically overcame Australian Darren Cahill 6-3 4-6 6-1.

Vilas, 35, won this tournament in 1978 and in contrast to the likes of Becker, who wants to play less, said he would compete in 23 events this year. In the quarterfinals Vilas plays Spain's Jordi Arrese, who beat Austria's Horst Skoff 1-6 7-5 6-4.

In an all-Argentine clash, seventh seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan beat Francisco Yunis 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 and was to play Becker today, while Switzerland's Claudio Mezzadri defeated West German Rolf Oesterlik 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 to win the right to play Carlsson in the last eight.

Paired

Edberg can reach the semifinals with a victory over Connors this evening.

In later matches, Jimmy Connors beat Slobodan Zivojinovic 6-1, 6-4 and Andres Gomez was paired against Amos Mansdorf.

The Connors-Zivojinovic match often resembled a comic performance but Connors kept his concentration throughout the jokes.

At one point in the second set, Connors told the hard-serving Yugoslavian he could use his serve. Zivojinovic responded by saying he could use Connors' vaunted service return.

Connors then used a lull in the match to grab a linesman's chair, placed it at the service line and stood in it to deliver a serve, which the 6-foot-4 Zivojinovic smacked back for a winner.

Connors' serve was presented by Vice-President George Bush in a ceremony across from the White House honouring more than 50 athletes of the year from 43 Olympic sports.

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**SPORTS**

Pakistan forced to compromise: Intikhab

LONDON, April 29, (Reuters): Pakistan's cricket team were forced to compromise over an incident in which Abdul Qadir hit a spectator because they had no time to contest the issue, manager Intikhab Alami said on his arrival here from the Caribbean yesterday.

The rumpus happened during the last day of the final Test against West Indies in Bridgetown on Wednesday and resulted in Qadir facing an assault charge which was dropped when the parties settled out of court.

But Intikhab told Reuters in a telephone interview from his London hotel that his team's departure only a few hours after the Test was used to pressurise them into a compromise.

Intikhab said he paid the spectator, 22-year-old unemployed Albert Auguste, \$1,000.

"If we want to fight the case we would have had to stay for an extra two weeks," said the Pakistani manager.

Intikhab said he wanted to clarify the Pakistan team's point of view about the incident, "which is regretted."

He said in a statement: "Abdul Qadir and other players were subjected to a barrage of inventive, filthy abuse and vulgar remarks by the spectator over the last few days.

**Summons**

"His continued abuse and derogatory remarks about Pakistan provoked Qadir into handing him.

"The spectator was able to get a summons based on a medical report which claimed that he was hit on the hand. As we were told that proceedings would take two weeks and Qadir would have to stay back, we decided to compromise."

"We feel strongly that the timing of the departure of the team was used to pressure and force us into the compromise because of expediency. We agreed on this course."

"I would like to draw a parallel with the Sylvester Clarke incident at Multan during the 1980-81 series when Clarke caused grievous bodily harm to a spectator."

"However, in the interests of the good relations and goodwill, the local administration and Pakistan's cricket board persuaded everyone concerned to settle the matter without the use of a summons."

Intikhab said that although West Indies cricket board officials were present at the Test on Wednesday, they did not intervene.

"I shall be reporting the incident to my cricket board when I return to Pakistan," added Intikhab.

**RESULTS** of Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club games played at the Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday morning.

N/S  
1. Nahil Akil and Lollo Muthwaite  
2. Sona Banay and Roads Finan  
3. Rima Farah and Nicole Iskandar

E/W  
1. Margaret Maynard and Daphne El Saad  
2. Suzanne Cattermole and Doma Materny  
3. Rima Ayad and Hala Khoury

**Ivan Lendl**

WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): A bill granting immediate US citizenship for Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked tennis player, was approved by the House of Representatives judiciary committee yesterday.

"Most and more people come in as the streak goes on," he said yesterday just after the Orioles dropped their 21st straight game to set a new American League record for futility.

The Orioles' 4-2 loss to the Minnesota Twins pushed them past the 1943 Philadelphia Athletics to set the new American League mark.

The Major League baseball record for consecutive losses, 23, was set in 1961 by the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League. That was the same year Orioles manager Frank Robinson won the National League Most Valuable Player award while playing for the Cincinnati Reds.

**BENJAMIN AND DUJON SNATCH WIN FOR CARIBBEAN SIDE****West Indies overcome Pakistan in thriller**

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 29, (Reuters): Winston Benjamin, playing in only his fourth Test, and Jeff Dujon shared a ninth wicket stand of 61 that fired West Indies to a two-wicket win over Pakistan — and a share of the series — in the third and final cricket Test on Wednesday.

Benjamin, primarily a fast-medium bowler, struck an unbeaten 40 and wicketkeeper Dujon made 29 not out as West Indies, who needed 266 to win, recovered from 207 for eight and triumphed on a gripping fifth and last day.

The match-winning partnership between the newcomer and the more experienced Dujon took 67 minutes, sealing victory at 268 for eight shortly after lunch and ensuring West Indies maintained a 15-year unbeaten sequence in Test series in the Caribbean.

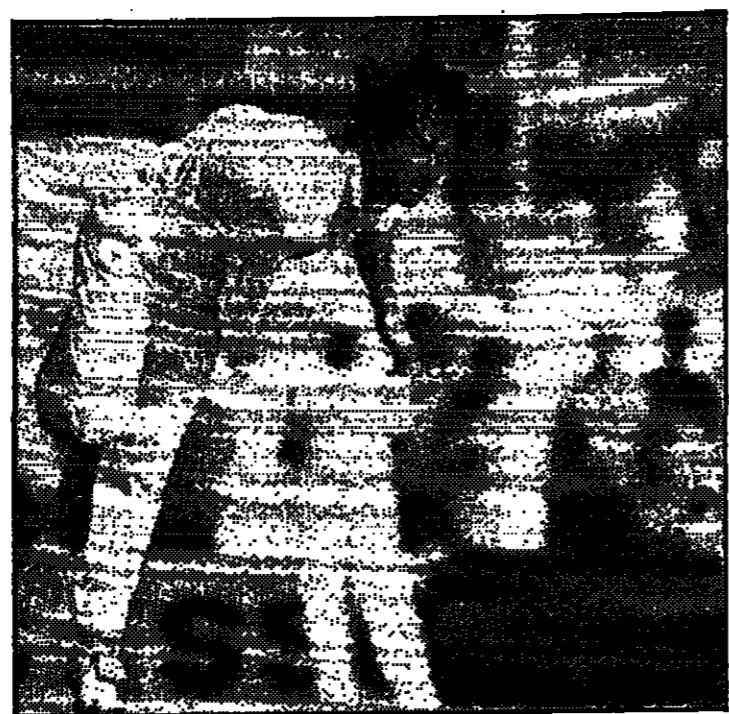
**Helped**

The result set off joyous scenes of dancing and jumping among 4,000 spectators at Kensington Oval, where West Indies have not lost since 1934, and helped to erase the memory of a sour incident that marked the morning session.

Pakistan leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, who was fielding at long leg, punched a spectator who heckled him. Play was held up briefly and resumed after tour manager Intikhab Alami came on to the field and Qadir was moved to another position.

Qadir was involved in the rumpus midway through the first session when, fielding on the boundary, he was heckled and jeered by a section of the crowd after looking upset at umpire David Archer's refusal to uphold his appeal against Dujon for a bat-bat catch.

The spectator concerned in the incident, Albert Auguste, said he told Qadir "that he must bowl something proper." Auguste said Qadir then came up and



Imran: Man of the Series

punched him in the chest and on his right hand.

The clash reflected the tension of a gripping final act in a closely-fought match, with West Indies resounding on 154 for five and needing a further 112 to win.

Pakistan struck an early blow when nightwatchman Courtney Ambrose hooked a bouncer from left-arm paceman Wasim Akram to long leg, and the same bowler also captured the prized wicket of Viv Richards.

The West Indian captain, on whom the team's hopes seemed to rest, hit two spanking fours off Qadir and then aimed to drive an inswinger but succeeded only in edging the ball on to his stumps, having made 39.

Dujon and Malcolm Marshall put on 27, but both survived confident appeals in Qadir's fourth over of the day. Thereafter the pair played confidently until Wasim, who bowled with Qadir throughout the morning session,

breached Marshall's defence with another inswinger and trapped him lbw for 15.

Benjamin joined Dujon with 59 required, and they blended diligent application with bold strokes. Benjamin struck two sixes out of the ground off Qadir, the second of which injured a man in the street.

They went to lunch at 233 for eight, and afterwards had a scare with seven runs needed when Dujon drove Akram firmly but at substitute Ejaz Ahmed, who failed to grasp the half-chance at short leg.

Benjamin eased the tension in the following over by driving occasional off-spinner Shoaib Mohammed over extra cover for four. Triumph came in the next over when Qadir, brought back for a final effort, was smashed straight for Benjamin's fourth four.

Dujon, who had an injured hand, batted for 164 minutes and

hit just two fours, but provided the solidity and experience that counter-balanced Benjamin's most important innings in his short Test career.

Imran Khan, who had been Pakistan's inspiration during the series, bowled only two overs all day and six in the entire innings, complaining after the match that the footholds were so bad he could not stand up properly when bowling.

However, Imran finished with 23 wickets in the rubber and was adjudged Man of the Series.

Marshall was given the Man of the Match award for overall figures of nine for 144 and 63 runs.

Richards, overcome with emotion, shed some tears after the match.

Hesaid he had not been able to bring himself to watch the closing overs, waiting instead for the response of the crowd.

Richards said he had hoped for quick wickets in the series. His fast bowlers had to put up with the "punishment" of slow pitches.

"I am not committing myself

ever again about retiring," he said. "When the times comes I will just leave. I am glad I came for this one. It was just a great series."

**Scoreboard**

PAKISTAN first innings 309 (Rameez Raja 54, Shoaib Mohammed 54, M. Marshall four for 79)

WEST INDIES first innings 306 (V. Richards 67, C. Hooper 54)

PAKISTAN second innings 262 (Shoaib 64, Marshall five for 65), WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 154 for five)

G. Logie c Shoaib b Jaffer ... 35

D. Haynes c S. Malik b Akram ... 4

R. Richardson c S. Malik b Qadir 64

C. Hooper run out ... 13

V. Richards b Wasim ... 39

G. Logie b Qadir ... 3

C. Ambrose c Jaffer b Wasim ... 1

J. Dujon not out ... 29

M. Marshall lbw b Wasim ... 15

W. Benjamin not out ... 40

Extras (b-6 d-9 nb-10) ... 25

Total (for eight wickets) ... 268

Fall of wickets: 1-21 2-78 3-118 4-

128 5-150 6-159 7-180 8-207

Bowling: Akram 31-7-73-4, Wasim 6-0-34-0, Qadir 32-5-115-2, Jaffer 5-25-1, Shoaib 3-1-6-0.

**W. Indies to face Imran in England**

LONDON, April 29, (Reuters): West Indies' cricketers will find themselves facing Pakistan captain Imran Khan twice more within days of arriving in England.

All-rounder Imran, who inspired Pakistan throughout their three-Test tour of the Caribbean, will captain the Duchess of Norfolk's XI against Viv Richards' team at Arundel on Sunday May 8, it was announced on Wednesday.

Three days before that he will join Clive Lloyd's invitation side at Uxbridge.

Richards and his teammates, who are due in England this Sunday, should at least have a rest from Imran when they officially launch their 15-week tour with a three-day game against Sussex at Hove starting on May 7.

Imran will play a number of games for Sussex this season but is not likely to be available for that fixture.

Imran's side for the limited-over contest at Arundel includes recently retired former England Test players Dennis Amiss, Derek Underwood, Ian Botham, Stuart Turner, Derek Underwood, Pat Pocock and former Nottinghamshire captain Clive Rice.

Duchess of Norfolk's XI: Imran Khan (captain), Paul Parker, Clive Radley, Clive Rice, Colin Wells, Dennis Amiss, Ian Gould, Stuart Turner, Derek Underwood, Pat Pocock, Andrew Babington.

**SPORTS BRIEFS****NBA games**

NEW YORK, April 29, (Reuters): First-round results of National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff games yesterday (only games scheduled): Chicago 104 Cleveland 93, Detroit 96 Washington 87, Dallas 120 Houston 110, Portland 108 Utah 96.

**Bitter attack**

BARCELONA, Spain, April 29, (Reuters): Barcelona soccer players showed their frustration at the end of a poor season yesterday, with a bitter attack on club president Jose Luis Nunez.

**English trainer**

NEW YORK, April 29, (Reuters): English trainer Michael Stoute, foiled again in yesterday's 1,000 guineas, is poised to gain handsome compensation in tomorrow's 2,000 guineas.

**Cup defender**

LONDON, April 29, (Reuters): Manchester United have rejected a chance to sign Brazilian World Cup defender Josimar from Spanish soccer club Seville in an exchange deal.

**Nations Cup**

ROME, April 29, (Reuters): Britain's showjumpers rode to a convincing win in the Nations Cup yesterday, clocking up five clear rounds to beat nearest rivals the Netherlands by 8.25 faults.

**France to meet Greece**

LONDON, April 29, (Reuters): Rising French star Eric Cantona shot down England's hopes of reaching their third European Under-21 soccer championship final as France held the hosts 2-2 on Wednesday to win 6-4 on aggregate.

Cantona, the striker who scored a superb solo goal in France's 4-2 first leg win a fortnight ago, added two more in an incident-packed second leg semifinal at Highbury, home of Arsenal.

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